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E.C. streets score poorly in study

By Justin Hill
STAFF WRITER

l Cerrito resident Richard one says his entire street is of lumpy and full of cracks. ough some potholes filled this week, Firestone, ves on Contra Costa Drive, more work needs to be

e street needs to be ed," he said.
report released last month Metropolitan Transporta- Commission ranks the s that are the responsibil- El Cerrito as among the 10 in the Bay Area in 2005.

The city's average pavement condition index, a numerical value of a street's condition with 100 being a perfect road, was 51 in 2005, which falls within the fair category.

Pavement in this range is becoming so worn that rehabilitation may be required to prevent rapid deterioration, according to the commission, a transportation planning and financing agency for the Bay Area.

"We've done a fair amount of work," City Manager Scott Hanin said. "But there's obviously a lot more that needs to be done."

A report of the city's roadways, based on 2005 data, shows that the residential streets, which comprise the majority of El Cerrito's roads, were the worst.

Those streets had an average score in 2005 that falls within the "poor" category. Streets in this range require major rehabilitation or reconstruction.

"This is the result of deferred maintenance," Public Works Director/City Engineer Jerry Bradshaw said. "Now we're finding ourselves in a big hole."

The city has been unable to put the money into the streets in the past 20 years that it should have, he said.

Some money went to road repair and rehabilitation in the summer of 2003. Another project, in which one of two seals will be placed on sections of three dozen streets, is expected to go out to bid in the early part of next year, and is anticipated to start as soon as weather permits.

Not all of the city's roadways are bad, however.

The city's arterial streets scored an average that places them in the "very good" category. Such pavement shows slight distress.

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MARK DUFRENE/STAFF

THE PAVEMENT on Contra Costa Drive in El Cerrito is cracked and contains a few potholes that have recently been filled. The city faces a $21.2 million backlog of work to improve the condition of its roads, which are ranked among the worst in the Bay Area.



SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

E KENSINGTON POLICE OFFICER John Ty, 27, smiles and says hello as a local passes his way while on patrol in Kensington nth. Ty said he decided to join the Kensington Police Department because of its involvement with the community. "It's a small size ment, which is what I was looking for," he said. "It's been like an extended family."

Police put focus on service

By Justin Hill
STAFF WRITER

ering a neatly creased uni- Kensington police Officer Ty navigates a police car gh the narrow, windy of the hillside community autumn day.
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his was definitely a good e said.
has joined a police de- ent that truly provides one policing.
e officers know the resi- The residents know the of- The department even has roughly 10 percent of the ed in the community, in case one locks themselves out or needs medical attention.

But the department has experienced some turbulent times of late.

Its chief, Barry Garfield, abruptly walked out of a district board meeting in May, and remains on leave. Three officers have left the department within the past two years: Two went to other agencies, and one left because he was disgruntled with department culture and management, said interim Police Chief Brown Taylor.

For a time, the department could only schedule five officers, plus two officers in field training who could only work with another officer.

Meanwhile, an internal investigation continues into allegations that an officer — currently on

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SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

POLICE SGT. Hussain Khan came to the Kensington Police Department after previous stints with departments in Concord and Oakland. Because of the low crime rate in Kensington, officers are able to focus on prevention and community outreach.

Albany to require green construction

By Justin Hill
STAFF WRITER

The Albany City Council gave preliminary approval this week to three ordinances that comprise its proposed green building program. The ordinances are scheduled to go before the City Council for final approval Dec. 4.

"Cheers. Congratulations," Mayor Allan Maris said after Monday's unanimous vote.

The key element of the program is the environmentally friendly regulations.

Under the proposal, projects would be evaluated on a checklist of preconstruction, construction and materials requirements. Projects would earn points for green building features, such as installing Energy Star appliances and a solar water heating system, and must meet a required minimum of points to be approved.

Any project including new construction, remodels and additions would be subject to the requirements.

If applicants for a project covered by the ordinance believe it is a hardship or not feasible, they can apply for an exemption.

According to a staff report, the proposal would add time to the building permit process. Additional reviews could add two weeks to the process, which now takes at least eight weeks and is often longer.

The proposed ordinance also would add about two weeks to the inspection and final sign-off order for projects subject to field verification, according to the staff report.

Albany Planning Manager Jeff Bond said other cities do the same thing but on a voluntary basis.

He said it would be fair to say that the ordinance mandating green features is "cutting edge."

That is only one piece of the program, however.

A proposed water reuse ordinance would require that recycled water be used for designated project areas as decided by East Bay Municipal Utility District, as well as subdivisions and projects with more than 10,000 square feet of nonresidential space.

The third proposed ordinance would require construction, demolition and/or renovation projects with costs of more than $75,000 to divert at least half of all debris to a facility that can recycle or reuse the material. That threshold is $25,000 for strictly demolition projects.

Maris said after the meeting that the program will allow a significant reduction in greenhouse gases.

"I think it's going to be a great benefit to our citizens," he said.

Teacher denies all misconduct claims

By Doug Oakley
MEDIANEWS STAFF

A veteran music and Hebrew teacher at a private Jewish day school in El Cerrito is denying all allegations following his arrest last week on suspicion of sexual misconduct with a female student.

Achi Ben-Shalom, 52, who posted $100,000 bail Nov. 18 at Martinez Detention Facility, said he is on paid leave from the Tehiya Day School. The El Cerrito resident has taught at the school for 21 years.

"I deny all allegations and intend to prove that in court," Ben-Shalom said Monday. "I am well-known in the community, everybody knows my comings and goings, and I'm well-respected. There has never been anything like (these accusations) before."

Detectives revealed few details of the case, both to preserve elements of the criminal investigation and to protect the privacy of the victim, who attends class at the close-knit Tehiyah Day School, which has about 200 students from kindergarten through eighth grade.

Police said a series of incidents at the campus spanning about one month made the student, a girl, progressively more uncomfortable until she confided in her mother, who immediately called police.



Achi Ben-Shalom

The El Cerrito resident has taught at the Tehiya Day School for 21 years.

The incident that resulted in Ben Shalom's arrest occurred in his campus office after school hours, police said.

"I believe that we will have a good case to present to the District Attorney's Office," El Cerrito Police Cmdr. Michael Regan said. "We don't have any confirmed additional victims at this time."

School head Steve Tabak said in a written statement the school had no prior notice of the charges, and is working with the police.

"We were completely shocked to learn of these charges and of course tremendously concerned for the well-being of the alleged victim and our students at large," Tabak said in the statement.

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l Cerrito High teacher wins $10,000 award

By Sam Richards
STAFF WRITER

eacher from El Cerrito was those honored by the War- Eukel Teacher Trust at its nnual awards dinner last at the Diablo Country Club. arren Crowley received a ward of $10,000, as did Ferren of San Ramon and Lessig of Martinez. The can be spent however the rs wish.
owley, an educator for more years, is a ninth-grade spe- ducation teacher at El Cer- igh and a mentor to dozens ent and former students.

Ferren, a 36-year veteran, teaches kindergarten at Golden View Elementary in San Ramon. She is known for bringing art, music and drama into the classroom.

Lessig has been a teacher for 10 years. He is currently a special day class teacher at John Swett Elementary in the Martinez Unified School District, teaching students with emotional and behavioral problems. He also teaches fourth-grade science.

The Warren W. Eukel Teacher Trust is a community-based nonprofit organization formed in 1991 to honor the memory of a well-known Walnut Creek resident who worked for more than three decades to help teachers positively influence students. The trust's mission is to foster excellence in education by providing monetary grants to outstanding teachers in Contra Costa County.

Each year, teachers who have exhibited extraordinary commitment to their students are nominated by teaching colleagues, principals, students, parents and others. Trust volunteers select the award winners from among the nominees.

The trust receives its financial support from Contra Costa businesses and individuals. Since its inception, it has made cash awards totaling $332,000 to 43 Contra Costa teachers.

Narsai David, a Bay Area food and wine expert, collaborated with seven premier Contra Costa restaurants — Bridges, Diablo Country Club, Diablo Valley College Culinary Arts Program, Lark Creek Walnut Creek, Postino, PRIMA Ristorante and Walnut Creek Yacht Club — to create this year's menu and wine list.

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Albany

Residents asked to conserve water

Residents in at least 13 East Bay cities, including Albany, El Cerrito and Kensington, were asked last week to use less water during the next five months to avoid mandatory rationing as the East Bay Municipal Utility District began the next phase of a $200 million seismic retrofit program.

The program involves shutting down EBMUD's 83-year-old Claremont Water Tunnel, which runs under the Oakland hills and across the Hayward Fault. The 18,000-foot-long aqueduct stretches from Orinda to Berkeley, and provides water to about 840,000 people.

EBMUD is reinforcing the tunnel by injecting grout into its concrete lining to ensure it does not collapse during a major earthquake.

But to do so, EBMUD had to build a 1,500-foot-long bypass aqueduct alongside the Claremont Tunnel so it could completely shut down the tunnel to allow workers inside. It will be working the next five months to connect the bypass to a section of the tunnel that crosses the Hayward Fault. Once connected, the bypass will divert water around that section and into the main tunnel.

With no water flowing through either the Claremont Tunnel or the bypass for five months, EBMUD will be delivering water to customers from other sources, such as the water treatment plant at San Pablo Reservoir.

The district is asking more than 400,000 residents in the affected cities, including Albany, El Cerrito, Kensington, Berkeley, Oakland, Crockett, El Sobrante, Emeryville, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, Rodeo and San Pablo, to reduce their water consumption.

— MediaNews staff

Proposed park sculptures on display

Models of three proposed sculptures for Ocean View Park are currently on display in the Albany Community Center lobby.

The models, designed by artists selected as finalists for the project, will be on display until the Ocean View selection panel meets at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 6 in the Edith Stone Room of the Albany Community Center to choose the final design that will be installed at the entrance to the park in 2007.

The Community Center is located at 1249 Marin Ave.

Members of the public can submit written comments on the models in a comment box in the Community Center lobby.

Photos of the sculpture proposals can be viewed at www.albanyca.org/gov/parkart.html.

Comments can be submitted by sending an e-mail to the committee at AlbanyArtsCommittee@albanyca.org.

The Ocean View sculpture is part of the Albany Arts Committee's Art in the Parks Project. For Terrace and Memorial parks, selection panels will begin the process of choosing artists and artworks later this month and in December.

The Terrace Park selection panel is scheduled to meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Albany Community Center to select finalists to create models and proposals for a tile mural project at the park. A selection panel to choose finalists for an interactive landscape/sculpture project at Memorial Park is scheduled to meet at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 14 in the basement of the Albany Community Center.

The public is welcome at all meetings.

— Justin Hill

Pest management task force to meet

The Albany Integrated Pest Management Task Force is scheduled to meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at City Hall.

Members of the public who cannot attend the meeting may send written comments to: Melinda Chinn, director of recreation and community services, at 1240 Marin Ave., Albany CA 94706 or at mchinn@albanyca.org.

City Hall is located at 1000 San Pablo Ave.

— Justin Hill

El Cerrito

City seeking board, commission members

El Cerrito is currently seeking applications for volunteer positions on city boards and commissions.

The Civil Service Commission, Planning Commission, Economic Development Board and the Financial Advisory Board all have at least one vacancy that must be filled by the City Council.

Applications can be obtained at the temporary City Hall, 10940 San Pablo Ave. (beginning on Tuesday), by calling 510-215-4305 or 510-215-4302, or by going to the city's Web site, www.el-cerrito.org.

The deadline for returning the applications to the City Clerk's office is 4 p.m. Dec. 4. Applications postmarked by Dec. 4 will also be accepted.

— Justin Hill

Book by former resident on sale

A 78-year-old woman born in El Cerrito has written a book about growing up in the city.

The book, "Harem Scarem in El Cerrito," was written by Neva Carpenter, who was born in El Cerrito in 1928. She lived in the city until her family moved to Merced when she was 13.

Carpenter now lives in Clovis.

The book costs $13.75, plus tax, and is available at the Arlington Pharmacy, 299 Arlington Ave. in Kensington; El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane in El Cerrito; the El Cerrito Natural Grocery Company, 10367 San Pablo Ave. in El Cerrito; The Glenn Custom Framing, 7027 Stockton Ave. in El Cerrito; Jenny K., 6927 Stockton Ave. in El Cerrito; and the Contra Costa County Historical Society's History Center, 610 Main St. in Martinez.

Jenny K., 510-528-5350, and Glenn Custom Framing, 510-558-1078, are making the book available by phone and by mail order.

The book is also available through www.jennyk.com. Other merchants were expected to carry the book in the near future.

A reading, discussion and book-signing by the author is scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 12 at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave.

— Justin Hill

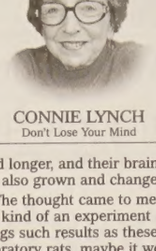
CORRECTIONS

A story that appeared last week about Art Shroeder misstated the date of his memorial service. It will be at 1 p.m. Dec. 3 at the El Cerrito Community Center.

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A photo of the Berkeley Ballet Theatre's "Nutcracker" last week should have been credited to Edward Casati/Unbound Photography.

Idea for Mind Works began with lab rats



CONNIE LYNCH
Don't Lose Your Mind

I AM OFTEN asked when and how I happened to get the idea for the Mind Works program all those years ago, when mental exercise was essentially unheard of.

In 1986, I read the description of an experiment in which half of the rats in a laboratory experiment were given activities to do, such as ladders to climb, tunnels to go through, and the opportunities to be with other rats, while the remaining half of the rats were kept as usual in their cages.

Fascinatingly, when the rats were examined later, it was discovered that those that had been "entertained" lived longer than their bored counterparts, and also that unlike the control group, their brains had grown and changed.

The experimenters decided that they wanted to discover whether the same outcomes would occur in very elderly rats, rats that would be over 100 if rated in human years. So they conducted the same experiment with a group of these really old rats, and the same results occurred. The rats given fun things to do once again lived longer, and their brains had also grown and changed.

The thought came to me: If this kind of an experiment brings such results as these to laboratory rats, maybe it would work similarly with people. So I then began to put various ideas together, trying to decide on certain mental activities that would be challenging, solvable, and yet fun. There were no mental fitness classes that I could discover, and asking at senior centers for such classes usually brought a reaction such as: "Mental fitness? What do you mean by that?"

Therefore, one of my first steps was to check out local bookstores for possible games and puzzles books. I looked them over and bought a few as a start. They gave me enough ideas to put together a class, I received permission to start at a local senior center, and so it all began. Needless to say, I kept an eye out for more types of books, and by now, 20 years later, I have quite a library.

As time passed, the idea of mental fitness became quite popular, and I found a company dedicated to thinking, called Critical Thinking Software and Press. I have since bought numerous items from them that have become indispensable in the Mind Works classes. There are literally hundreds of activities that provide challenges, from the very simple to the most difficult and abstract.

The Mind Works program provides its "students" with as wide a variety as possible of activities. Every week has several problems to solve. Some of them may involve numbers or words or special blocks to arrange in specific patterns. Not every person likes every activity, but they all give each puzzle their best effort, and the results are always promising, usually accurate, and everyone has *fun* while they are performing. Communicating also plays a large part in class activities, and two adjacent individuals often work together in their efforts.

Who knows how long I can continue the Mind Works program? I have certainly enjoyed it as much as anyone else. And I must mention one special lady who has enjoyed it so much that she has been a regular attendee for more than 15 years! Others have been coming for more than five, and I still have the occasional beginner. What more could I ask?

E-mail inquiries for Kensington resident Connie Lynch, Ph.D., to conniemw@aol.com. Lynch is the founder of Mind Works, a mental fitness program designed for older adults, and is the author of "Don't Lose Your Mind, Four Components of Superior Mental Fitness." For information on books and classes, call 510-466-5833 or visit www.blsinc.com/mindworks.htm. Check out Connie's blog at www.dlym.blogspot.com.

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

TUESDAY, NOV. 14

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — A resident on the 800 block of Cerrito Street reported that someone had broken into his red 1993 Geo Prism parked on the 800 block of Washington Avenue.

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — Someone stole a red mountain bike from a residence on the 400 block of Jackson Street during the morning hours.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night someone broke into a white 1997 Ford van parked on the 800 block of Cerrito Street and stole items from inside.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

■ **FELONY** — Officers contacted the owner of a black 2000 Toyota on the 900 block of Stannage Avenue when the Safeway store on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue reported that two people had driven away in the car after stealing champagne from the store. The woman's daughter said that she had driven her mother's car for her friend and knew she was going to steal the alcohol but refused to give officers the name of her friend. The 20-year-old Albany woman was arrested for suspicion of being an accessory to a felony.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night a blue 2003 Subaru Forester parked on the 1000 block of Clay Street was broken into.

■ **TOOLS STOLEN** — Tools were stolen out of a locked storage shed on the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue during the night.

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — Someone stole a bicycle from a green 1996 Subaru SW that was parked on the 1100 block of Curtis Street during the night. The owner was not sure whether the car was locked.

THURSDAY, NOV. 16

■ **DODGE STOLEN** — Just after midnight a Richmond woman reported that her blue 2006 Dodge Caravan had been stolen while it was parked in a parking lot on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the morning hours someone smashed the window of a white Toyota Previa at 535 Pierce St. and stole the face plate off the radio. There were no witnesses.

■ **EXPOSURE** — A woman reported that at about 2:45 p.m. a person described as an older Asian man in a blue Toyota exposed himself to her son while he was near San Pablo Avenue and Monroe Street at the entrance to UC Village.

■ **LICENSE PLATE STOLEN** — Someone stole the license plate off a red 2002 Toyota Corolla parked on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue.

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — At about 6 p.m. someone stole an orange Trek bike from a residence on the 1300 block of Portland Avenue. The owner described the thief as a large, tall black man who was last seen pedaling toward El Cerrito Plaza on the BART path about 10 minutes prior.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — A 34-year-old Albany man was arrested for suspicion of disorderly conduct and trespassing on the 800 block of Kains Avenue. He had been warned the previous night to stay out of the apartment complex.

FRIDAY, NOV. 17

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — A resident on the 1100 block of Kains Avenue reported that his red Honda Civic was broken into the previous day.

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night someone stole miscellaneous items from an unlocked tan-colored 2000 Lexus Lx300 parked in a driveway on the 900 block of Curtis Street. There were no witnesses.

■ **VANDALISM** — Vandals spray-painted a wall at a business on the 1000 block of Eastshore.

■ **HONDA RECOVERED** — El Cerrito police reported locating a gray 1995 Honda Civic that had been stolen from Albany. It was not damaged and was released to the owner at the scene.

■ **VANDALISM** — A Richmond woman reported that someone slashed the tires and broke the window of her white 1999 Mitsubishi Galant that was parked near Stannage Avenue and Garfield Street. She suspected her ex-boyfriend because he had left threatening messages on her cell phone. The next day she reported that it was vandalized again while parked in the same area. Officers are investigating.

■ **PETTY THEFT** — At about 6:30 p.m. officers arrested a 52-year-old Oakland man at the Target store on the 1000 block of Eastshore for suspicion of petty theft and for repeated charges for petty theft.

SUNDAY, NOV. 19

■ **DUI** — At about 1:30 a.m. officers arrested a 40-year-old Albany man driving a white 1995 BMW on the 500 block of Pierce Street for suspicion of DUI.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 4:30 p.m. a man reported that a local transient man had grabbed him in an inappropriate area while he was on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue. At about the same time another caller reported a man matching the description of the transient was jumping in front of cars in the same area. Officers issued a warning to the man.

■ **PETTY THEFT** — Officers arrested a 34-year-old Oakland man at the Target store on the 1000 block of Eastshore for suspicion of petty theft and for repeated charges for petty theft.

— Kristine Dahl

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

SUNDAY, NOV. 12

■ **AUTO BURGLARY**— A car stereo and a 10-inch subwoofer were stolen from a vehicle in the 1700 block of Lexington Avenue between about midnight and 11 am. the following day.

MONDAY, NOV. 13

■ **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT**— A 1996 Honda Prelude was stolen from the 6100 block of Cypress Avenue between about 9 p.m. and about 6:30 p.m. Nov. 16.

■ **AUTO BURGLARY**— A FasTrak transponder was stolen from a 1997 Nissan Altima in the 7200 block of Blake Street between about 10:30 p.m. and about 11 a.m. the following day. The ignition was also damaged.

TUESDAY, NOV. 14

■ **FORGERY ARREST**— A 26-year-old Richmond woman was arrested on suspicion of forgery, burglary and possession of a counterfeit item after she allegedly presented a counterfeit check for payment of a gift certificate at Target, 11450 San Pablo Ave. She left in a vehicle, which officers found in Richmond. The woman was arrested after being identified by witnesses, according to police.

■ **ROBBERY**— A group of six to eight people knocked a rider off his bike on the Ohlone Greenway near Gladys Avenue about 6:35 p.m. and stole the bicycle.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

■ **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT**— A 1998 Acura Integra was stolen from Kearney Street near Waldo Avenue between about 2 a.m. and about 9:30 a.m.

■ **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT**— A 28-foot trailer loaded with Walgreens merchandise was stolen from Walgreens at 11565 San Pablo Ave. between about 5:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

■ **ROBBERY**— A black male placed an object at a female's back and took her cell phone in the 7000 block of Central Avenue about 2:15 p.m. The male was described as 17 to 18 years old, 5 feet 5 inches to 5 feet 6 inches tall, and 130 pounds. He was wearing a multicolored hooded sweatshirt and black jeans and had gold teeth.

■ **AUTO BURGLARY**— The passenger door lock of a vehicle in the 1700 block of Lexington Avenue was pried and the car stereo was stolen between about 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. the following day.

THURSDAY, NOV. 16

■ **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT**— A 1991 Isuzu Trooper was stolen from the 5700 block of El Dorado Street between about 9 p.m. and about 6:45 a.m. the following day.

FRIDAY, NOV. 17

■ **RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY**— A garage door in the 8300 block of Kent Court was forced open and a laptop computer was stolen between about 7:15 a.m. and about 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 19

■ **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT**— A 1995 Honda Accord was stolen from the 1800 block of Liberty Street between about 7:30 p.m. and about 11:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 20

■ **AUTO BURGLARY**— The corner visible top of a car in the 5300 block of Cypress Avenue was cut and property from the vehicle was stolen between about 9 p.m. and about 11 p.m.

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MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

NCE UPON A TIME, there was a wonderful place to watch sporting s called the Oakland-da County Coliseum.

wo championship sports played there — the A's Raiders — and the War- played next door. It was the site of many memo- rock concerts produced Graham. Above all, it safe, clean place to take family.

he Coliseum was built in 1960s by a group of nd business leaders, the of people we used to call s of the community.

ople like Bob Nahas of Development, Edgar r of Kaiser Industries and ge Loorz of Stolty Con- ion. They were later by other businesspeople, ding George Vukasin of ss Coffee, who suc- d Nahas as president of Coliseum board in 1981.

st they built the place; e teams came. The s moved from Frank Field, followed by the ers from San Francisco e A's from Kansas City.

e Coliseum board served . Its members belonged generation of businesspeo- who viewed public service r civic obligation.

what was their reward? the local politicians control of the Coliseum nd unceremoniously them out on their ears, ot so much as a thank hen they proceeded to e Coliseum into the d.

t began with the now- ous "personal seat li- " which were adminis- by the joint powers ity created after the s returned from Los An- They were a flop from t. Part of the problem s the most expensive s were for seats in the 0 rows.

fortunately, it never oc- to the politicians to ink those 10 rows per- . If they had, they would discovered that these m so low, your vision is ed whenever the players bench stand up — they invariably do dur- most exciting mo- s.

s a beginners' mistake e old board never would made, for the simple rea- ot as businesspeople, irst instinct was to look ugh from the customer's t view.

n comes word that the is moving to Fremont. gain, I can't help think- a group of business n never would have let that happen.

Nahas died in 2002, but Vukasin is still going strong at 73. So I asked him what he would have done.

"I don't think either the mayor or the City Council ever sat down with the A's owner- ship and said, 'Let's talk about how we can make this work,'" he said. "That's what we used to do all the time. We operated on the principle that if the tenant isn't making money, we shouldn't, either."

They didn't always see eye to eye — the Raiders bolted for a 13-year exile in 1982 — but they always kept the lines of communications open with both the teams and their re- spective leagues. Every Decem- ber, Vukasin would fly to New York to confer with the com- missioners of the NFL, NBA and Major League Baseball.

"One time, (NBA Commis- sioner) David Stern told me that some teams didn't like traveling to Oakland because of prostitution and drug deal- ing near the hotel where they stayed," said Vukasin. "So I called (then Oakland Police Chief) George Hart, and he cleaned it up."

Flash forward to the pre- sent. Longtime Raiders fans who used to tailgate in the parking lot in their youth are reluctant to take their own kids because the mob at the "Black Hole" has gotten too rowdy.

And it's not just Raiders games. When the A's elimi- nated the "nosebleed seats" last spring, I got calls from par- ents who told me they loved those seats because that's the only place where their kids could watch the game without having to listen to people screaming obscenities.

"It reminds me of what Bill Graham once said to me when we were backstage at a Day on the Green," said Vukasin. "He said, 'What's my most impor- tant job? Look at all these young people. I've got to con- vince their parents that I'll take care of them safely.'"

The moral of this story isn't very original, but it's still true: If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

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Massachusetts library delivers message well



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

"...Sam Walter Foss said he 'believed it is important to increase circulation' and that 'people (should) have access to the books on the shelves.' So while he was a director he added a reference room, a children's room and a school department. ... During his tenure, circulation increased from 193,000 in 1897 to 353,300 in 1904."

— From "Sam Walter Foss: Somerville Librarian & Poet," Somerville Public Library (SPL) Web site (www.somervillepubliclibrary.org)

SOMETIMES WHEN I visit a library, I am particularly struck by the effort made to clearly explain everything to the library users. This happened recently when I was at the central branch of the Somerville (Mass.) Public Library. The signs and the printed material had a friendly and informational tone that was not only helpful but also supported the idea this library is a place to get the information you need.

For instance, I picked up a simple black-on-white tri-fold brochure, made from plain 8½-by-14 paper, called "Museum Passes." It describes the museums, hours, locations, the number of people who can use the pass, fees, and any other necessary facts. The language is forthright and welcoming, so even the rules — introduced by the words "Please Note..." — listed on the back don't sound punitive.

The tone of a library can be subtle, yet for me it is one of the most important ways libraries let their public know how welcome they are. When I went to the Web site for this library, I wasn't surprised to find there is a virtual tour of it that presents an explanation of every department. For instance, for the circulation desk it says: "Why are we called the circulation desk? This is where you may check out, renew and return circulating materials." It then goes on to give "Questions the Circulation Desk can answer," such as: "How long can I keep a book?"

Besides the highlighted floor plans, the tour has a "Take a look around the room" feature, so that using a computer mouse you can get a 360-degree look at any of the areas, including the outside of the building.

As they say on the Web site, "the tour is designed to introduce you to the layout, facilities and services of the library. By the end, you will have a good idea of where departments are located, how they can help you, and who to ask if you have particular questions."

Another great feature of this library is the Greek frieze that circles the room just below the very high ceiling. I was told it is based on the Parthenon frieze, and depicts a parade into a stadium. It is amazing to look up from the computers, books and oak tables to see this parade of people and animals.

In addition, SPL has an audio-visual (AV) department that is quite a contrast to the Chapel Hill (N.C.) library I mentioned in a recent column. The Chapel Hill library has few AV materials, while SPL has a large room devoted to them. There are foreign films, musical scores, CDs, books-on-tape, DVDs, videos, AV reference desk, and even a DVD player, where a young woman was wearing headphones and watching a movie on a large monitor.

The rack of music magazines has titles such as "Gramophone" and "Sound and Vision," as well as "Spin" and "Acoustic Guitar." A posted flier advertised a weekly European film series, and the English as a Second Language (ESL) materials offer an extensive range of languages including Haitian-Creole, Turkish, Arabic and French.

It is obvious this library truly reflects the community it serves, and I am grateful to the staff, particularly Maura, who took the time to tell me more about it.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720, Ext. 17. Read past columns at www.juliewinkelstein.com

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Albany Library

1247 Marin Ave. 510-526-3720 or www.aclibrary.org

Hours: Mondays, noon to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, closed; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.

■ Come to the library from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9 and learn to fold a Holiday Star. The instructor will be artist, teacher and storyteller Margo Wecksler. Wecksler has been folding origami since she was 8, and will fold anything from gum and candy wrappers and paper placemats to recycled class announcements and occasionally even origami paper. The event is open to all ages.

■ The library presents story times in English and Spanish for babies, toddlers and preschoolers on Saturdays through Dec. 9 (except Nov. 25). This 30-minute drop-in program will include stories, songs and rhymes in both languages.

■ Enjoy the soothing sounds of recorder, flute and Celtic harp as Healing Muses plays in the lobby of the Albany Library and Community Center from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. Eileen Hadidian (recorder and flute) and Patrice Haan (Celtic harp) are members of Healing Muses, a nonprofit organization that brings soothing music to Bay Area hospitals, clinics and convalescent homes.

■ The library and the Albany YMCA invite the public to their Brown Bag Speakers Forum at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11. Guest speaker will be Michelle Barger, conservator of objects at the Museum of Modern Art. The title of talk will be "From Toothpicks to Cow Bladders: The Conservation of Modern Art." The talk will be followed by a question-and-answer period. Bring your lunch.

■ Do you embroider, knit, crochet, tat or do other handicrafts? Then join the 1 p.m. Sunday Circle and enjoy an hour of sharing ideas, inspiration and conversation. Sorry, no instructions provided. The next event is Dec. 10.

■ Adult sing-alongs led by Dale Allen Boland will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday and Dec. 17. Weekly sing-alongs with Boland are held Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. The sessions are free and for all ages. No registration required.

■ The library offers free drop-in homework help for students in third through fifth grades. The homework center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays (except county holidays) from 3 to 5 p.m. Emphasis is placed on math and writing skills. No registration is required.

■ Readers with the Great Books Discussion club meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. to discuss selected books on this year's theme of "Parent and Child." The November book is "The Judgment" by Franz Kafka. Drop-ins are welcome.

■ Drop-in knitting groups for all ages are held Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. Instructions, yarn and needles are provided for library projects. No registration is necessary.

El Cerrito Library

6510 Stockton Ave. 510-526-7512 or www.ccclib.org

Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, closed; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ The library will offer an Internet class at 10 a.m. Saturday on health and medical information. All classes last one hour. Please register in advance.

■ Local author Neva Carpenter will do a reading and book signing at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12. Her book, "Harem Scarem," is a memoir of her years growing up in El Cerrito during the 1930s.

■ Readers Anonymous book club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. Future titles: Nov. 28: "The Piano Tuner" by Daniel Mason; Dec. 19: "Motherless Brooklyn" by Jonathan Lethem

■ If you would like to learn about the Internet or basic word processing, the library offers hourlong appointments Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Internet docents will help you learn as much as you would like. Call the library to make an appointment.

Kensington Library

61 Arlington Ave.
510-524-3043 or www.ccclib.org

Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, closed; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ All interested tweens (ages 9-12) and teens are invited to join Stuff in Common, a new thematic book club at the library. The first meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30 for tweens and at 4:15 p.m. for teens. The theme for the first meeting is Books into Film. Tweens may read any of the following books and see a corresponding movie version: "Harriet the Spy" by Louise Fitzhugh, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl (either the 1971 or 2005 movie version), "Holes" by Louis Sachar or "Eila Enchanted" by Gail Carson Levine. Teens may read any of the following books and see a corresponding movie version: "I, Robot" by Isaac Asimov, "The Haunting of Hill House" by Shirley Jackson (see either the 1963 or 1999 film versions, both titled "The Haunting"), "The Outsiders" by S.E. Hinton or "Emma" by Jane Austen (see either the 1996 version starring Gwyneth Paltrow or the 1995 film "Clueless"). Think about what changes when a book is made into a movie and how much those changes matter to the story. Copies of all these books and movies are available at the Kensington Library.

■ The final family story time of the fall will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday. All ages are welcome.

■ The next meeting of the library's book club will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, where it will discuss "Things Fall Apart" by Chinua Achebe. Book group meetings are held on the fourth Monday of every month in the library at 7 p.m.

■ Meetings of the library's knitting club, "Castoffs," are held at 7 p.m. the first Monday of the month. All levels are welcome, and some help will be provided.

— Craig Lazzeretti

E-mail library activity items to journal@cctimes.com, or fax to 510-262-2776, or mail to The Journal, 4301 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, CA 94806.

OF THE WEEK

KELEY — The following s may be available for n at the Berkeley-East mane Society.

ge 7-year-old purebred yel- abrador retriever; 1½-year- male brown Rhodesian back; 6-month-old red fe- olden retriever/chow chow 2-year-old female brown ed mix; 4-year-old black huahua mix; 2-year-old white female Labrador mix; old white/brown/black fe- hound mix; 1-year-old n female Cavalier King s Spaniel mix; 10-month- black/white male Labrador er.

1-year-old male brown omestic short hair (DSH); old female white/or- black calico DSH; 5-year- male gray/white domestic hair (DMH); 5-year-old gray DMH; 5-year-old ck/white DSH; 5-year- brown tabby Norwegian mix; 5-year-old female le DMH; 3-year-old fe- own tabby DSH; 1-year- male black DSH; 1-year-old ck/white DSH; 7-year- black/white domestic rt (DLH); 4-year-old fe- tortoiseshell DSH; 5- female black/white DSH; old male gray/white DSH; old male black/white DLH; old female tortie DSH; 6- old female brown tabby 2-year-old male black DLH; old female black DSH; 5- old male black DSH; 6- old female tabby Maine coon mix; 6-year-old female tortie DSH; 4-year-old female brown tabby DSH; 3-year-old male black/white DSH; 5-year-old male black DSH.



BERKELEY-EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

BRUCE is a 5-year-old black and white domestic short hair cat, and may be available for adoption from the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. Bruce is a bit on the playful side and easily entertained with a toy or two. For more information about Bruce or other animals available for adoption, call or visit the Humane Society Adoption Center.

Adoption fee: dogs $125; cats $100 — including spaying, neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

Programs to focus on mysterious Monarchs



SHAROL NELSON-EMBRY
Park It

MONARCH BUTTERFLIES have arrived in their annual migration to winter on the California coast from summer homes as far north as British Columbia and east to the Rocky Mountains. Many butterflies migrate, but only Monarchs return to a specific overwintering site year after year. It's amazing that it's not even the same butterflies returning; it's actually the great-great-grandchildren of last winter's butterflies.

Trace the life cycle of an individual Monarch, and you find that the butterflies here in the winter have the longest lives — up to eight months. They hatch in their summer territories and, after transforming from caterpillar to butterfly, begin the migration west and south as the long summer days grow shorter.

They arrive at more than 300 known overwintering sites in the East Bay and on down the coast to Baja California around late October. They spend the winter hanging around in clusters, protected by their chosen groves of trees from storms, and fluttering nearby on warm days.

The longer, warming days of February trigger them to mate and disperse toward their summer territories. Along the way, the females deposit 100-1,000 eggs per butterfly on milkweed plants, the caterpillars' only food source.

Milkweed gives the Monarchs their main protection from predation; a poison from the plant is incorporated into the caterpillar and adult butterfly's body, making them toxic to birds and other animals. The caterpillars that hatch along the flight path will only spend two to six weeks as adults: mating, laying eggs, and continuing the flight toward their summer territories. Their offspring do the same.

Ultimately, by summer the offspring end up in their eastern and northernmost territories. Then the shorter days of fall trigger the Monarchs to begin the flight to the Pacific coast, to the same groves of trees where their ancestors spent the winter three or four generations before — talk about tradition! Scientists continue to study the migration mystery of how they know where to go when they've never been there before.

In the East Bay, you can view these flying jewels at several accessible locations. At Ardenwood

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THE JOURNAL

"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

El Cerrito's long wait for City Hall nears end

EL CERRITO RESIDENTS are learning that patience pays off. Earlier this decade, they saw the resurrection of El Cerrito Plaza as a prime retail destination after years of dormancy. Last month, they enjoyed the rebirth of the Cerrito Theater, which had been dark for more than 40 years, into one of the Bay Area's most charming and unique movie houses.

And soon they will be able to take pride in the building of a new City Hall. This week, the city's administrative offices, which have been located in trailers off San Pablo Avenue, moved to a new location less than a block away to make way for the imminent construction of a permanent City Hall. The building is scheduled to be completed in March of 2008.

It's about time. El Cerrito has been without a real City Hall since 1987, when the former structure was torn down because of concerns over seismic safety (two years before the Loma Prieta earthquake). Ever since, El Cerrito's dedicated city staff has been toiling in those cramped trailers.

After more than 20 years, El Cerrito will finally get the kind of City Hall it deserves when the new building is completed. The two-story structure will include a council chamber, an open gathering space at Manila Avenue, native plants and a creek water feature.

Of course, it won't come cheap. According to Public Works Director Jerry Bradshaw, the project includes the largest single construction contract in the city since at least the 1960s. The total cost is expected to reach $13.4 million. While some may grumble that the money could be better spent on other projects, we think the city and its workers have waited long enough for this day. If anything, the city's leaders should be commended for delaying this project as long as they did to focus on more immediate concerns.

A City Hall is more than just a work space where the administration of a municipality is carried out. It is a symbol of a city's strength and purpose, a place that truly belongs to the public. It should be a place that instills a sense of pride in every resident, and invites others to visit and do business here. It should also be a place that allows those who carry out the people's business to do so in a comfortable, energetic and efficient way. We have no doubt the morale of the city staff will be greatly aided by the opportunity to finally work in a suitable City Hall.

The idea of a glittering new City Hall may not generate the same kind of excitement among the average resident as the creation of a new shopping center or movie theater. But it's every bit as important. A city that has undergone so much positive change in recent years deserves a fitting emblem of that change. Councilman Bill Jones put it best when the City Council decided to move forward with the project last month.

"Let's get the shovels in the ground, the walls built, and for the good of the community complete this 19-year-old project," he said. "And then we can have the pride of El Cerrito carry the day."

We couldn't agree more.

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City government

ALBANY

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Community Development — Includes planning, building and maintenance. 510-528-5760

Web site: www.albanyca.org

EL CERRITO

City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave. 510-215-4300.
Mayor Janet Abelson

City Council — Meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Mondays in the Garden Room of the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. 510-215-4305.

Public Works — Report problems with city trees and sidewalks, burned-out street lights, potholes and clogged storm drains. 510-215-4382.

Recycling Center — 7501 Schmidt Lane. 510-215-4350.

Web site: www.el-cerrito.org

KENSINGTON

Municipal Advisory Council — Meets at 7:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. Addresses zoning and land-use issues. 510-526-5546.

Police Protection and Community Services District — Meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month, except August, at the Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. Addresses Police Department, Parks and Recreation and solid waste issues. 510-526-4141.

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Kensington Police — 510-233-1214; business line 510-526-4141.

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JEFF HANSEN • HILLS NEWSPAPERS



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concerned about traffic

I was very distressed to read in The Journal that a child, on his way to school, was hit by an automobile on Marin Avenue in Albany, as reported by concerned resident Maria Riggio (Letters, Nov. 10).

Many years ago, a young girl named You-You was struck and killed crossing San Pablo Avenue at the intersection of Monroe Street, near the Albany Village. Only after this tragedy was a traffic light installed there.

I am concerned about the traffic on Solano Avenue near Cornell School. Last week I witnessed a mother yelling at cars to stop for the four children she was shepherding across the street after school hours. Even during school hours, when crossing guards help children and others cross the busy street, many drivers seem impatient.

It would help to paint "School Crossing" signs on the pavement on Solano Avenue, as was done on Marin Avenue. Signs reading "Slow to 15 MPH when School is in Session" also would help near all the Albany schools.

Our street, Evelyn Avenue, has many cars whizzing by now, perhaps because we are between Marin and Solano avenues. We have more little children on our block than I can recall in the last 30 years; they could be at risk. Hopefully, the city will research the current traffic patterns and fund speed bumps for streets such as ours.

Albany City Council: Please do everything you can to slow autos down in Albany. We don't want any more traffic fatalities.

Motorists need to be reminded that pedestrians have the right of way in our state.

Sally T. Sanger
Albany

Memorial service correction

I enjoyed reading the wonderfully warm article in the Nov. 17 Journal about El Cerrito's Wall of Fame resident, Art Schroeder, who died recently.

Art was a dear friend to many, and we will miss his wit and many contributions that helped make El Cerrito a great place to live.

Please correct the error in the date of his memorial service. The service will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane.

Al Miller
El Cerrito

News blackout

El Cerrito's 23,000 residents have a virtual news blackout about city issues, with local newspaper coverage minimal and slanted.

Our town has the second-highest crime rate of Contra Costa County; it is among the six worst of 107 Bay Area cities in pavement maintenance. Lighting, sewers, the library, the senior center and parks are all neglected.

Without citizen approval, the City Council has systematically deprived other programs of funds and bonded the city, all for a new City Hall. Paying off the bonds will cost $650,000 a year for 30 years.

Our local paper, The Journal, dutifully quotes council and staff comments, but ignores residents who spoke against the huge future debt. The editorial staff has endorsed the right of the current mayor to run for a (locally) unprecedented third term. The Journal refused to report that challenger David Boisvert was supported by 16 former City Council members, 14 of them past mayors!

The paper's editorial page banners Thomas Jefferson's exhortations about a free press being the bedrock of democracy, yet it promotes one-sided pro-council views. It has a right to state its editorial preference, but not at the cost of stifling its readers' comments and the citizens' right to make informed choices.

Rosemary Loubal
El Cerrito

Grateful librarians

We feel Thanksgiving week is a good time to publicly thank the Friends of the Albany Library, Friends of the El Cerrito Library and Friends of the Kensington Library, who contribute so much to our libraries' collections and programs.

These groups are always looking for new members to help with the book sales, serve on the boards of directors, and volunteer at library programs. These activities are wonderful ways to meet your neighbors and help an important community institution.

We know that the Albany Library, El Cerrito Library and Kensington Library are all sources of pride for our communities. Our Friends groups are a source of pride as well.

We hope everyone will call the library to find out how they can join and support these outstanding groups.

Ronnie Davis
Albany Library
Laura Martinengo
El Cerrito Library
Liz Ruhland
Kensington Library

Davis is a branch manager; Martinengo and Ruhland are branch librarians.

Clarification

Thank you for publishing Kimberly Wetzel's article (Journal, Nov. 10) about the seismic problems at Portola Middle School and Cameron School in El Cerrito.

In the article, you reported that West Contra Costa school district engineering officer Bill Savidge stated both sites show no signs of landslide damage and both withstood the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. These statements are misleading.

In the Jan. 30 Alan Kropp & Associates geotechnical report for Portola Middle School, the principal geologist noted that active landslide movement was apparent upslope of the site on Moeser Lane.

He also noted landslide-related movement visible downslope in the long concrete curb and gutter at the east side of the playground, the tilted basketball hoop supports, and the bulging of the playground surface itself.

Because there was evidence of active landslide movement above and below the site, "The zone of active landsliding may extend beneath some or all of the permanent school buildings."

The fact that Portola survived the Loma Prieta earthquake is irrelevant. That earthquake occurred on Oct. 17, 1989, at the end of a dry summer during the fourth year of a five-year drought. The soil moisture and groundwater levels were at near-record historical lows.

Thus, the Loma Prieta earthquake was not a good test of the slope stability of the expansive clay soils and the landslide slip surface (that is, the sliding surface between the base of the landslide debris and bedrock) under the school buildings.

It is a mystery why the school board has consistently refused to consider closing Portola, notwithstanding the project architect's repeated recommendations that the district relocate all Portola students to a safer site and the findings by the state architect that "the health and safety of the pupils is at risk."

Robert W. Brower
El Sobrante

Shock and awe?

Merely seeking sanctions against Iran will do little toward satisfying our desire to indulge in hatreds and conflicts. While we would not require much else to keep us firmly rooted in our ignorance and hypocrisy, this tactic would fall significantly short when it comes to offering opportunities for exercising our arrogance and greed.

Maybe we should consider another round of "shock and awe" that would serve, once again, to bolster our national machismo, enrich our proud American contractors and their cronies, and bring a nice boost to a sluggish economy.

Ron Greenstein
El Cerrito

Health care bill

It's well known that when an administration vetoes a popular bill, it releases the news late on a Friday night so as to keep secret from voters their devious behavior.

Late at night on Sept. 22, Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed SB 840, which would have set us on a path of addressing the financial problems impacting many hospitals, including Doctors Medical Center San Pablo. His only comment was that we're not ready for "socialized medicine."

Socialized medicine is when the government owns the doctors, the hospitals, the wheelchairs, etc., as in England.

SB 840 proposes all health care remain private, with complete freedom about choice of doctor and care. What's different is that the exorbitant fees and redundant bureaucracy of insurance companies are eliminated.

The single-payer (insurer), in this case, would be the California government. Health care would be available to all California residents. Independent studies have shown that health care would be much cheaper to operate than the present system if this bill passed.

SB 840 passed the California Senate and Assembly overwhelmingly because families, working people, seniors and most of us want health insurance that really takes care of us.

To learn more, visit www.onecarenow.org or www.healthcareforall.org.

Joan Bartulovich
El Cerrito

WRITE TO THE JOURNAL

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ERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

rrito High School

E ADMISSIONS: Learn the ins ts of college admissions from 1 p.m. Dec. 10 at St. Peter Christ- Methodist Episcopal Church, 5324 ista Ave., El Cerrito. St. Peter 's Church is El Cerrito's only African American church. College Ad- n 101 will be presented by Jim ey of Walker Walker & Associates, r a 30-year professional col- nselor in the East Bay. He ss college admission lectures at gh schools and churches. Free will be served at noon. Child provided.

SALES: Turn in See's Winter Candy fundraising orders to ol. Orders will be accepted Wednesday for processing. ee will be available as early as by special arrangement. Candy will be available for pickup at on Dec. 7 and Dec. 14. Re- rs orders may be picked up in ool room after Dec. 14. All sales e credited to your child's music ol toward music trips.

FUNDRAISER: If you want to back and support grad night e is still time before the ver ends Jan. 31. Each brick a $50 donation and can be ed with up to three lines of text. e bricks, look for forms in the main office or e-mail echs- @yahoo.com.

ing Elementary

SALES: SCRIP sales take place school on Wednesdays.

L SITE COUNCIL: The next ng will be at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday uary. SSC meetings are on rth Tuesday of every month.

CANDY SALE: See's candy fundraiser ends Nov. 30: Please return your order forms to the office or give them to your child's teacher.

PORTOLA MEETING: The last Portola meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Dec. 11 in the Harding Auditorium. WCCUSD officials will discuss plans to rebuild Portola Middle School at a location in El Cerrito. This is the last in a series of meetings seeking public input.

RECYCLING CONTEST: The recycling contest ends Wednesday. The Harding classroom that collects the most used electronics and printer cartridges wins an ice cream party. Ask family, friends and businesses to save these items for the school: used, empty ink jet cartridges; laser cartridges; used cell phones; laptops (with power cords); PDA/Palm Pilots (with accessories) or iPods (with accessories).

Madera Elementary

ED FUND GRANTS: Congratulations to Madera for receiving two grants from the Ed Fund for the 2006-07 school year; and thanks to parent Vicki Victoria and second-grade teacher Janelle Detten for taking the time necessary to apply for these grants. Victoria received a $500 grant to cover the costs of a series of interactive, outdoor classroom learning opportunities to enable students to understand fifth-grade Earth Science content standards. Detten received a $500 grant to cover the costs of creating an on-site dinosaur dig and fossil exhibit, in which second-grade students become junior paleontologists.

— Craig Lazzeretti

E-mail school notes to journal@cctimes.com.

ALBANY SCHOOL NOTES

Albany High School

BABY ADS: Senior parents, this is your last chance to order baby ads for the yearbook. The deadline for payment and pictures is Friday, Dec. 1. If you have any questions, please e-mail yearbook adviser Juliet Chiarella at teacherella@ gmail.com.

PTSA MINI-GRANTS: If you are a student, teacher, or staff member with a great idea or special project with no money to carry it out, the PTSA may have the solution. The PTSA has $20,000 available to fund proposals related to student activities through PTSA mini-grants. Please submit your proposals by Nov. 30 for consideration. Applications are available in the main office.

ONE SQUARE MILE: One Square Mile, the half-hour news and entertainment magazine show produced by the students in the Video and Broadcast Production courses, has launched Season #2, with a redesigned Web site at www.AHSVideoPro.com. The show airs on Albany Comcast Channel 33 and plans six episodes this year. The newest episode always plays Thursdays at 8 p.m. Reruns of past episodes play Saturdays and Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m., respectively. If you are interested in underwriting this year's program run, your family or business can be acknowledged in the show. For an underwriting donation packet, please send an e-mail to osm@ahsvideopro.com.

SENIOR PORTRAIT: Seniors who have not taken a senior portrait: If you want a portrait in the yearbook, it must be taken by Prestige before Dec. 5. Call 888-898-GRAD.

LIBRARY PROCEDURES: Do you have work to do in the library during advisory? Here's the procedure: A maximum of 20 library advisory passes will be given out to students who need to work in the library. Students should come to the library to pick up a pass in advance of the advisory session. No passes will be given out after the bell rings. Students with library advisory passes need to stay in the library during the entire advisory time. If you have any questions, ask Mrs. Gonzales or Ms Fohner in the library.

Albany Middle School

AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING: After school tutoring is available after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-4:15 in Room 211. This tutoring is for students who would like help with homework, and is run by AHS students. AMS students are welcome to attend but please remember you must come prepared with homework, books, paper and pencil and be ready to study.

Cornell Elementary

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are being sought who are interested in making additional activities available for students or leading games at noon recess (noon to 12:30 p.m. and/or 12:45 p.m.). Several years ago, some parents brought out a variety of games each noon. There were a tub of games stored in the multi-purpose room. Noon supervisors must focus on safety and prevention and rotate around the playground. If you can help, contact Principal Bob Kelly-Thomas at 510-558-3704.

PLAY STRUCTURE RULES: The play structure on the big yard on the Cornell Avenue side is designed for children 6 years and older. Kindergarten and younger siblings are not allowed at any time. The kindergarten structure on Talbot Avenue is open to the public after 3:30 p.m. It is designed for younger children.

COOKBOOK ORDERS: By now, your child has taken home a copy of the first Cornell PTA International Cookbook. If you would like to keep this cookbook, you should have returned $10 with your child's folder earlier this week. If you do not want to keep the cookbook, please return the book to your child's teacher in a bag with your child's name on the bag. If you would like to order additional copies, return the order form with payment, and cookbooks will be delivered to your child's class. Also, copies are available for purchase in the office. Money from cookbook sales supports many PTA-sponsored activities that benefit your child, including the Edible Garden project, noon-time supervisors, and music programs.

Marin Elementary

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: All articles for the next PTA newsletter are due by Nov. 28. It goes out just before winter break. The newsletter will be highlighting folks in the community who are helping others but it is happy to accept any other articles and announcements. For submissions, contact Heather Patterson at hpat@comcast.net.

CANDY SALE: The See's candy sale to benefit Marin PTA is under way. Please look for the flier and order form sent home or pick one up in the office.

ESCRIP: If you are one of the many who forgot to renew your Safeway card with eScrip by Nov. 1, eScrip coordinator Lucinda Young will renew for you unless you instruct her otherwise by contacting her at 510-524-4636 or yowe@sbcglobal.net. If she's not able to renew for you, she'll contact you. Marin received more than $6,000 in Safeway eScrip contributions last year, so it's important to keep those contributions coming to the school.

WORKSHOP: A Parent Education workshop titled "Improving Your Child's Attention and Focus" is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room. David Boniske, Marin School's occupational therapist, will discuss the difficulty children have staying alert and focused in the classroom. Boniske has been in many classrooms, teaching students how to stay more focused by giving them sensory tools for alertness. Child care is provided; call Nancy Gurian at 510-559-9250 to reserve a space. The workshop is sponsored by the PTA.

Ocean View Elementary

INK CARTRIDGES: Bring your used laser and ink cartridges to our library, and the library will receive money for recycling them; unfortunately, this does not apply to Epson cartridges.

HELP NEEDED: If you can help Betty Chan Lew with distribution of the Masterpiece items purchased, please contact her at 510-524-2889 or Betty.Lew@sfdph.org.

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS: Congratulations to new student council members: Max Agress, president; Chelsey Chen, vice president; Brandon Yee, secretary; and Sammie Chiang, treasurer — as well as all the classroom representatives.

— Bob Menzimer

E-mail Albany school notes to Bob Menzimer at megabob@pacbell.net

UNITY CALENDAR

ions to the Community Cal- must be received Thursdays, ek prior to publication. List- on a space-available basis. complete listing, visit ContraCo- ta.com and click "other edi- then "Berkeley Voice." Calen- other Hills newspapers can found by clicking "other edi- ual submissions to Pam Mid- 1016 Oak St., Alameda, CA e-mail them to journal@cc- ime or fax them to 510-748- Call 510-748-1683 if you have n.

MEETINGS

ta Democratic Club — meet- p.m. Nov. 28. Discussion of re- ion results. Amir Terkel and Dorsky discuss "Israel, US For- n and Anti-Semitism."

Hall, Northminster Presbyter- ch, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cer- ado. K. 510-526-4874, @comcast.net.

LEARNING

th Day School — Informative n Workshop, 7-9 p.m. Nov. 30. Rabbi Schenck presents "Top Ten Good Things (reasonably) Happy, Jewish Children Ages 3 to 7." Details: 524-8010, Ext. 239.

Bag Speakers Forum — on Dec. 11. Michelle Barger on "From Toothpicks to Cow s: The Conservation of Modern ing your lunch. Albany Library ene Room, 1247 Marin Ave., Al- ny.

RELIGION

Judaism — Humanistic (nontheis- Jewish programs. Events at Al- Community Center, 1249 Marin ue; Sunday Brunch, 10-11:30 $5-10; $5 donation; Pot Luck Happy Party, 6 p.m. Dec. 15, meno- ah Party. Details: 510-428-1492, @sbcglobal.net.

CHILDREN/TEENS

■ **Tehiyah Day School** — All School Informational Open House, 2-4 p.m. Dec. 3. Tour campus of K-8 school, meet head of school and teachers. in El Cerrito. Details: Amy, 510-233-3013, Ext. 239.

■ **Tehiyah Day School Kindergarten** — information meeting, 10 a.m. Jan. 7. Tour campus, meet Head of School and teachers, learn about curriculum and educational philosophy, meet parents. In El Cerrito. Details: Amy, 510-233-3013, Ext. 239.

■ **Kurukula** — Fall enrollment now. Girls ages 9-13 learn empowerment, life skills and self-defense through interactive classes taught by martial arts instructor Dara Connolly. In Albany. Details: 510-847-2400 or www.kurukula.com.

MUSIC

■ **Kensington Symphony Orchestra** — holiday concert, 8 p.m. Dec. 9. Features holiday favorites by Handel, Johann Strauss, Tchaikovsky, Telemann, and more. Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. $12-$15, children free. 510-524-9912.

FILM/DANCE/STAGE

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre** — "And Then There Were None," through Dec. 9. Agatha Christie's murder mystery. Show times: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. on Nov. 26 and Dec. 3. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. $11-$18. 510-524-9132, www.ccct.org.

COMMUNITY

■ **RabbitEARS** — Healing Circle for Animals, 4-5 p.m. Dec. 2; $25. Lonely Hearts Critter Boys Club, 2-4 p.m. Dec. 3; meet neutered male bunnies, guinea pigs, rats and hamsters. Animal Communication, 5-6 p.m. Dec. 9; one-on-one session with animal whisperer, $25. Kensington Second annual Holiday Craft Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 10; over 30 vendors. Nonanesthetic teeth cleaning for cats and dogs, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 16; $45. 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Details: 510-525-6155, fixpets@yahoo.com.

■ **Arlington Community Church** — "Season of Light" Holiday Boutique and Luncheon, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Dec. 2. Lunch at noon by reservation. handmade boutique items, jewelry, baked goods, jams, jellies, hand-knitted items, and more on sale. Raffle for handmade Raggedy Ann and Andy. Music performances by Arlington Bell Choir and Children's Choir. Church's Youth Drama Group performs vignettes from "Aesop's Fables for Peace." 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. $10 includes lunch. Reservations: 510-526-9146. Details: Linda, 510-527-4835; Susan, 510-524-4782.

■ **Friends of Five Creeks** — Speakers. Friends of Corte Madera Creek's Charles Kennard speaks on Corte Madera watershed and Indian basketry, 7 p.m. Dec. 4. All are welcome. Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Free. 510-848-9358, f5creeks@aol.com, www.fivecreeks.org.

■ **American Golf Program For Senior Centers** — "Special Holiday Shopping Morning," 8-10 a.m. Dec. 5. Seniors and guests receive two hours of personal shopping assistance from Target team members, free continental breakfast, coupons, and gift wrapping. Target, 1057 Eastshore Highway., Albany. R.S.V.P.: 510-528-1576.

■ **Alameda County Community Food Bank** — Holiday Food Drive, through Dec. 31. Sponsor a Food Drive at your business, school, place of worship or community center. Help Food Bank collect nutritious, nonperishable food for families in need during holiday season. Details: 510-635-3663, Ext. 318; fooddrive@accfb.org; www.accfb.org.

■ **Sutter Visiting Nurses Association & Hospice** — flu shot clinics, through Jan. 6. Thimersal-free. $25 for flu shots, $35 for pneumonia shots. To find a nearby clinic: 800-500-2400 or www.sutterhealth.org/health/flushot/index.html or www.suttervna.org/services/services_flushot.html.

EXHIBITS

■ **Michael-Che Swisher** — Holiday Open Studio, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 25-26, Dec. 2-3. 727 Talbot Ave., Albany. 510-524-7664, www.ms-gallery.com.

■ **Wiley Manuel Courthouse** — "Doris Mendell: Recent Paintings," through Nov. 30. Art exhibit by Albany resident. Third Floor Jury Room, 661 Washington St., Oakland.

■ **El Cerrito Art Association** — Exhibits through November. Member Madeline Ibrahim's abstract acrylic paintings show at El Cerrito Community Center Gallery, 7007 Moeser Lane; and at Bank of America, 10422 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. Art Association members are exhibiting artwork at El Cerrito Department of Motor Vehicles, 6400 Manila Ave.; and at El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. Details: 510-526-9564.

ONGOING

MISCELLANEOUS

■ **Asian Outreach Program** — Center for Independent Living assists Asians with disabilities, particularly new immigrants, providing services and advocacy in Cantonese, Vietnamese and English. Staff knows community and government services available to disabled. Details: CIL, 510-763-9999.

■ **Three wishes Inc.** — Free power wheelchairs available to senior citizens and permanently disabled if they qualify: those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair in their home, and meet program guidelines. No deposit required. 800-839-5715.

■ **Kensington Senior Activity Center** — Meets 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays. West Contra Costa Adult School presents classes and events for those 55 and older. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 510-526-9146, 510-547-1969.

Park It

FROM PAGE A3

Historic Farm in Fremont, naturalists-guided walks to see the Monarch clusters start Thanksgiving weekend and continue in December and January.

There's also an overwintering site at Point Pinole, which naturalists from the Tilden Nature Area occasionally lead groups to visit.

This weekend at Ardenwood, naturalist Christina Garcia has "Return of the Monarchs" programs planned with a slide show and walk to the grove today from 10:30 a.m.-noon and Saturday from 2-3:30 p.m.; no reservations needed.

You can also drop by Ardenwood at 2 p.m. today and Sunday to take a guided, half-mile walk to the grove. The entry fee and directions for Ardenwood are posted at www.ebparks.org or call 510-796-0663.

Tilden Nature Area naturalists have programs planned at Point Pinole featuring the Monarchs in December; for more information call 510-525-2233 or visit www.ebparks.org "Activities." Be sure to choose a weekend sometime this winter to view this local wonder of nature before they flit off on their journey north.

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The EBRPD naturalists have several hikes this weekend to help you burn off those extra calories while exploring and learning about nature.

Hike with naturalist Meg Platt in the Tilden Nature Area on Saturday from 2-4:30 p.m. on an "Autumn Amble." The three-mile walk will cover native plant lore while featuring the fall colors. On Sunday naturalist Tara Reinertson offers a seven-mile hike from 12:30-4:30 p.m. traversing diverse habitats in Tilden and Wildcat Canyons; meet in the Environmental Education Center. No reservations are needed for either program; for more information, call 510-525-2233.

A program exploring Redwood Regional Park is offered Sunday from 2-4 p.m. by Crab Cove naturalist Susan Ramos. "Mills in the Hills" tells the story of condors, grizzlies and logging in our East Bay hills; meet at the Canyon Meadow staging area of Redwood park. No reservations are needed. Call 510-521-6887 for more information.

Sharol Nelson-Embry is the supervising naturalist of the Crab Cove Visitor Center in Alameda. She is currently on leave from her regular duties and writing the weekly Park It column. Contact Sharol at bobsharol@alamedanet.net.

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Spicy and sour soup with chicken ***($7.50)*** or prawns ***($8.50)***, lemongrass, tomato and mushrooms.

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LEMONGRASS SEAFOOD SOUP $9.95
Spicy and sour combination seafood (prawns, scallops, calamari, fish and green mussels) soup with basil.

KANG JUED (Vegetable Soup) $6.95
Napa cabbage, fresh tofu, mushroom and bean thread noodles.

SALADS

HOUSE SALAD $7.75
Spring mix, oranges, apples and sweet basil dressing.

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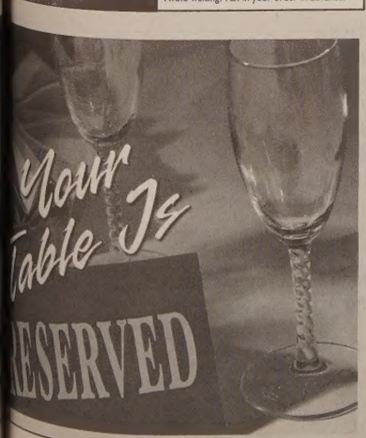
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Police

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leave — created a hostile work environment.

But the department once again appears headed toward stability.

When Ty was sworn in, the department, which is authorized for 10 officers, returned to full force, although one officer remains on leave. A new police chief is also expected to take the helm no later than July 1.

"We really aim to have a stable police department," said Paul Haxo, president of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District board of directors. A stable police department keeps the relationship between the department and the community going, he said.

Taylor said the department is the most service-oriented he's been a part of or reviewed. Kensington's officers respond to any and all requests for service, he said.

Sgt. Hussain Khan, who worked at the Oakland and Concord police departments before coming to Kensington, said the department offers a different type of police work.

Officers get to do more education and prevention. The department holds identity theft classes and performs security checks, where officers go through a home and assess the security systems.

"We want to do the type of policing that this district expects," he said. "They want officers that are proactive. They want officers to be polite, diplomatic."

Kensington may not be a place for officers to investigate lots of violent crimes or collar many criminals, but Haxo said the department provides an opportunity for officers who have a real commitment to community service.

"Some officers love action. Some love community service," he said.

Kensington isn't immune from crime. Two armed robberies occurred in front of homes earlier this year. To investigate those crimes and perform other police functions, the department employs a mix of rookie officers who have come directly from the academy and veterans.

"It's a good blend," Taylor said.

Kensington's department is also different in that the officers are "generalists," Khan said. There are no detectives or a parking enforcement officer, for instance.

"The officers are expected to do everything," he said.

And because there is not a lot of crime in the community, officers can focus on prevention. Khan said a large reason for the low crime rate is that officers do extra patrols.

Instead of dealing with shootings or stabbings, officers "can deal with a lot of the quality-of-life issues," he said.

When Ty hit the street, he was paired with Khan as his first field training officer.

While Ty had graduated from the law enforcement academy in Pittsburg in September of 2005, Khan came to Kensington with 16 years of police experience.

It is Ty's first law enforcement job out of the academy, and he said this week it has been a lot of fun.

"It's a small size department, which is what I was looking for," he said. "It's been like an extended family."

Khan said he was looking for a change when he came to Kensington.

"I've been here almost 10 years, and I've had a good time," he said. "The residents wave at you with all five fingers. .... They like us out here, and officers are encouraged to talk to the community."

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Streets

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The collector streets, which connect arterial streets and local streets, had an average in the "good" range, in which pavement is becoming so worn rehabilitation may be required to prevent rapid deterioration.

Nonetheless, the city is facing a $21.2 million backlog of work to raise the average score to 88 or higher, with $1 million needed annually to keep the streets at that level.

The existing annual budget for annual paving projects is $250,000. At that rate, the average score will drop nine points in five years, putting the average of the city's streets in the "poor" range, the report states.

The city's goal is to get the average score to at least 70, but Bradshaw said he would feel better if it was 74 or 75.

The city, meanwhile, is exploring some financial solutions.

Hanin said improving the streets is a priority for the city and the City Council. The city will be looking at additional funding for roads as it puts together next year's budget, he said.

Bradshaw said he anticipated another $250,000 will be budgeted for paving in a couple of years.

In August, the City Council authorized the city manager to hire a market and public opinion research agency to conduct a resident survey for a potential tax initiative.

The city is trying to ascertain residents' preferences between

"We've done a f amount of work But there's obviously a lot that needs to be done."

— City Manager

a parcel or sales tax, the ing priorities, and the they would be willing to each of the projects.

Hanin said he was the final report and exp get it by the end of the

"This is a proble money can cure," Bra said.

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Police

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■ **MOTOR VEHICLE THEF** 1998 Honda Accord was stol the Safeway at 10636 San Pa between about 7:40 p.m. and 8:25 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV

■ **ROBBERY**— Two Latino m 25 years old entered the 7-E 7022 Stockton Ave. about 2:5 and selected beer and other without paying. When the cle fronted them in front of the st was punched, according to po The men fled in a red Toyota type vehicle with no license

Teacher

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"Obviously, our first concern is the well-being and safety of our children and families. In the coming weeks, we will be doing all we can to ensure normalcy for the students, providing resources to the school's parents and faculty and working with police."

Ben-Shalom, who is married with two children, said that since his arrest, he has received an outpouring of support from people in the community. But he fears his reputation has been irreversibly damaged already.

"I have a bunch of letters and e-mails, and people are calling me saying, 'We're behind you,'" Ben-Shalom said. "There's been a huge wave of support. And all this is one week before my daughter's bat mitzvah (coming of age ceremony)."

Police found no evidence that other students may have been molested, El Cerrito Police Detective Don Horgan said, but continue to investigate. School officials notified all parents of the arrest Friday evening, police said, and assured them that their children were not at risk.

Tehiyah is a Jewish community day school in the 2600 block of Tassajara Avenue that teaches from a Judaic cultural perspective.

According to the school's Web site, Ben Shalom has taught there since 1985 as Hebrew teacher, choir director and band leader. A native of Israel, he founded a band and has released three albums of Jewish music.

"My musical activities are geared toward creating the sense of belonging to the whole — the community, as it supports us with our quest for a religious experience," Ben Shalom is quoted as saying in his biography on the site. "At the same time, I find ways through music to help us find our own unique voice."

Ben Shalom's own Web site includes information about his band, Adama, which plays at community events and weddings around the Bay Area. The site advertises a party for the release of his third album, "Hebrew Love Songs," at Ashkenaz in Berkeley on the night of his arrest.

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Cooling home sales, modest price decrease in 2007, Realtors forecast

C.A.R.'s 2007 California Housing Market Forecast

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The rate of home price appreciation will post a modest decline next year following several years of steep increases, while the sales pace will decrease as the market stabilizes throughout 2007, according to the California Association of Realtors' "2007 California Housing Market Forecast."

The median home price in California will decline 2 percent to $550,000 in 2007 compared with a projected median of $561,000 this year, while sales for 2007 are projected to decrease 3 percent to 447,500 units, compared with 481,200 units (projected) in 2006.

"The housing market clearly downshifted in 2006 from the record-setting sales and robust price gains of the last few years," said C.A.R. President Vince Malta. "The residential real estate market in 2006 was characterized by a gap between buyer and seller expectations. Sellers refused that the peak of the market was approaching, yet still expected to obtain the highest possible prices. Buyers' sense of urgency waned as the number of homes on the market grew and they took longer to identify and subsequently purchase a home.

"Although the 2007 sales decline is not expected to be as steep as what we experienced this year, the psychology of the market — matching the differing expectations of sellers and buyers — will continue to be a factor as Realtors help consumers navigate their way through a changing market.

"While we're projecting a modest decline in the median price of a home, over the long term, residential real estate in California has been and will continue to be a solid investment. Since 1968, the long-term average price appreciation is 9.1 percent," he said.

"While we recognized that the frenetic sales pace of the past four years could not continue indefinitely, the housing market in 2006 did not fare as well as we initially expected," said C.A.R. Vice President and Chief Economist Leslie Appleton-Young.

"The anticipated slowdown that began in October 2005 was heightened by dual natural disasters in the Gulf Coast, a significant drop in consumer confidence, rising energy and raw materials costs, and a series of Federal Reserve interest rate hikes that began in June 2004.

Fixed-rate mortgages also hit and passed the psychological threshold of 6 percent, while adjustable rate mortgages passed 5 percent, ultimately causing a decline in affordability. Affordability concerns also will continue to constrain sales for many households in California throughout 2007, especially for first-time home buyers.

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> Vince Malta
> C.A.R. President

"Looking to 2007, we expect that some regions of the state, including the Central Valley, San Diego and Riverside/San Bernardino regions, will experience sales declines greater than the state as a whole," she said. "That also holds true for several second-home markets, including the desert areas of Southern California and the Wine Country."

Leading the way in California real estate for more than 100 years, California (www.car.org) is one of the largest state trade organizations in the United States, with more than 195,000 members dedicated to the advancement of professionalism in real estate. C.A.R. is headquartered in Los Angeles.

More listings, fewer buyers change expectations

■ What sellers need to know in current property market

INMAN NEWS

You may be kicking yourself for not selling your home last year when the market was hot and gave sellers an advantage. Now, in most parts of the country, you'll be selling in a balanced market, at best. In a balanced or normal housing market, neither the buyer nor seller has an advantage over the other.

Your selling experience in the new market needn't be unpleasant, as long as you know what to anticipate so that you can realign your expectations accordingly. There are two key factors that differentiate the current market from its predecessor. One is that there are many more listings on the market now than there were then. The other is that there are fewer buyers.

With more listings and fewer buyers, you'll need to distinguish yourself from the pack. There are three good ways to do this. First, make sure that your home is priced right. Second, your home should look impeccable when it goes on the market. Third, you need a comprehensive marketing effort.

HOME SELLER TIP: Last year, homes in some areas sold after just one open house. Today, it might take months to sell your home. Start the process by hiring an experienced real estate agent with good marketing skills and a keen knowledge of your local market niche.

Your agent will be able to tell you what your home is worth in the current market, and discuss appropriate pricing strategies for your area. She can also give you advice about how to prepare your home for sale.

Few sellers are aware of this, but buyers often use nick-names to describe listings they see. This helps them distinguish one home from another when they're trying to recall details.

For example, if there's something striking about your house, like a fabulous view, a buyer might tag your house "the view house." But, they might call it "the dog house" if it has a strong pet odor. In this market, it's extremely important to pay attention to the condition of your home. Buyers have a choice.

Today's listings often aren't being shown to a lot of buyers before they sell. One house in Sonoma County recently sold in only 12 days. Only two prospective buyers previewed the house. However, one of them bought it.

You should mentally prepare yourself for the fact that you will have to keep your home in great shape for the relatively few buyers who will want to see it. Keep in mind that buyers who are actively looking these days are serious about buying.



DIAN HYMER
House Hunting

Your home should be easy to show, particularly if there are a lot of homes similar to yours on the market. If there's an impediment to showing your listing, buyers will move on to a listing that's easily accessible.

Studies show that 70 percent of home buyers start their search on the Internet. In fact, buyers screen inventory online to save time. Be sure that your agent's merchandising efforts include a high-quality photo tour of your home.

Buyers discard online listings that don't have photos. They assume something is wrong with the listing and move on to listings where they can get a sense of what the listing has to offer without having to get into a car, or fly across country.

THE CLOSING: It's nice to imagine that a buyer will fall in love with your place and throw caution to the wind. Unfortunately, impulse buying is not a part of the current market.

The buyer for your home will be someone who has a compelling need to buy and who finds value in what your home has to offer.

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319 RL Stevenson - $1,107,000
2133 Santa Clara 212 - $405,000
2101 Shoreline 276 - $469,000
399 Tucker Av - $827,500
3287 Washington - $684,000
1515 Willow St - $640,000

ALBANY

535 Madison St - $590,000

BERKELEY

2328 Acton St - $611,000
2422 Acton St - $589,000
2764 Acton St - $559,000
2716 Alcatraz Av - $752,000
1135 Arch St - $700,000
892 Arlington Av - $1,295,000
1454 Bancroft Wy - $370,000
1717 Berkeley Wy - $830,000
47 Canyon Rd - $642,000
1727 Cedar St - $745,000
2026 Cedar St - $650,000
1648 Curtis St - $609,000
1443 Josephine St - $804,000
488 Kentucky Av - $705,000
1729 Oregon St - $510,000
2831 Park St - $765,000
2726 Prince St - $1,152,000
612 San Luis Rd - $950,000
1655 Scenic Av 2 - $675,000
2720 Stuart St - $1,718,000
1225 Talbot Av - $565,000

EL CERRITO

1834 Arlington Bl - $780,000
2340 Carquinez Av - $653,000
633 Clayton Av - $565,000
1426 Club View Ct - $1,695,000
503 Colusa Av - $580,000
1607 Liberty St 3 - $480,000
540 Liberty St - $515,000
6725 Portola Dr - $499,000
3246 Santa Clara Av - $600,000

EL SOBRANTE

4500 Fieldcrest Dr - $479,000
414 Hopkins Ct - $600,000
500 La Paloma Rd - $430,000
1083 Mitchell Wy - $530,000
5313 Ridgeview B8 - $299,000
3430 SP Dam Rd 39 - $320,000
25 Tyson Ct - $583,000

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1044 48th St - $740,000
4 CommodoreD234 - $310,000
4 CommodoreD433 - $335,000
1500 Park Av 101 - $455,000
1500 Park Av 113 - $435,000

OAKLAND

1849 103rd Av - $580,000
1684 15th St - $425,500
1726 26th Av - $585,000
2242 38th Av - $600,000
933 42nd St - $335,000
455 51st St - $425,000
712 54th St - $402,000
849 55th St - $400,000
2825 61st Av - $320,000
3526 65th Av - $520,000
1141 66th St - $650,000
3350 68th Av - $412,000
1687 69th Av - $506,000
1000 73rd Av - $400,000
3120 73rd Av - $127,500
1068 83rd Av - $440,000
1930 89th Av - $554,000
2015 92nd Av - $420,000
1080 Aileen St 3 - $312,000
428 Alice St 303 - $374,500
428 Alice St 403 - $395,000
428 Alice St 821 - $585,000
3932 Atlas Av - $610,000
424 Avon St 1 - $425,000
9821 B St - $400,000
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6201 Snake Rd - $675,000
716 Sycamore St - $610,000
5907 Tevis St - $540,000
5730 Thornhill Dr - $530,000
1001 Trestle Glen Rd - $900,000
1515 Trestle Glen Rd - $915,000
5424 Wadean Pl - $386,000
4127 Waterhouse Rd - $672,000
5 W. Em'adero 123 - $315,000

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3128 Clinton Av - $459,000
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5305 Country View - $765,000
100 Eddy St 304 - $518,000
3737 Florida Av - $250,000
2035 Grant Av - $430,000
2806 Hilltop Mall Rd - $556,000
2812 Hilltop Mall Rd - $540,000
2854 Hilltop Mall Rd - $497,000
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232 Marina Lakes Dr - $276,500
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5989 Monterey Av - $519,000
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12 Schooner Ct 11 - $296,000
43 Schooner Ct 42 - $375,000
398 South 34th St - $450,000
225 South 5th St - $350,000
111 Summer Ln - $613,000
621 Summer Ln - $505,000
850 Summer Ln - $556,000
1731 Truman St - $440,000
3006 Tulare Av - $482,000
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1207 Amherst Ct - $625,000
710 Arbor Dr - $770,000
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1256 Betty Av - $580,000
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1367 Sayre St - $560,000
14413 Seagate Dr - $399,000
15358 Snowy Plover - $610,000
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802 Superior Av - $870,000
473 Violet St - $600,000
14250 Wake Av - $550,000
1671 Willow Av - $610,000
2488 Wimbledon Ln - $565,000
832 Woodgate Dr - $480,000

SAN LORENZO

16928 Genevieve Pl - $650,000
1337 Jacqueline Pl - $435,000
1668 Keller Av - $533,000

By the numbers

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TOTAL SALES: 21
LOWEST PRICE: $310,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $1,380,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $640,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $702,595

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: $590,000

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 21
LOWEST PRICE: $370,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $1,718,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $700,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $771,238

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST PRICE: $480,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $1,695,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $580,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $707,444

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: $299,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $600,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $479,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $463,000

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Annual Thanksgivin 'have-you-ever' questionnaire



TARPOFF AND TALE
True Experiences

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One year I took to family Thanksgiving a set of questions I wanted to ask everyone. The questions were about life in the "olden days" as my sister and I used to refer to our parents' and grandparents' time: Have you ever shucked corn? Harnessed a horse to a buggy? Pumped water from a well?

I waited until dinner was over when most of my great aunts and uncles, grandparents and cousins were diving into homemade apple and mince pies, then popped my first question. "Have you ever churned butter?" I asked, and several of the elders answered, "Oh, yes." Even one of my cousins, a couple of years younger than I said that he'd drawn water from a well and turned a cream separator.

We all got into it. Everyone wanted to find out how many of the things on the list he'd done. Stories were told, experiences shared.

"Where was that, Elizabeth?," Aunt Eva asked, and my grandmother replied, "When I was a girl, for a short time when we lived on land near Knights Ferry, the neighbor loaned us his horse and plow. We planted but nothing much came from it." She paused for a moment, then added, "Poor dirt."

Even the little kids at the table that day answered "yes" that they'd carried firewood, shucked corn, baked bread and certainly, eaten green apples. And because everyone at dinner lived in the country (I'm the city cousin), all had watched a hen lay an egg and had gathered eggs from a nest. Most had sharpened an axe on a grindstone, pitched hay, pressed apples for cider and split stove wood.

But only a few of my relatives had used a scythe, talked over a crank telephone, made a willow whistle, or depended on kerosene lamps for light. All of those in their eighties recalled filling the water reservoir on a stove, but only the uncles said they'd skinned a rabbit or a squirrel.

That Thanksgiving must have been over 30 years ago, I think, because the older generation was there but none of the younger ones who are there nowadays, our children and grandchildren.

My parents and grandparents who drove horse drawn [illegible] and later, used a crank to [illegible] cars, are now gone. But [illegible] on and, I realized recently, [illegible] generation now includes [illegible]

Once I commented to [illegible] dren when they were you[illegible] when I was their age there [illegible] wide freeways. When we [illegible] to Napa to visit, we used San[illegible] Avenue for a long, long drive[illegible] took a long time.

"Did you have cars then[illegible] of my kids asked.

Oh, my. Perhaps it is time[illegible] updated questionnaire, [illegible] flecting my era, which I must[illegible] on my family next Thanksgiv[illegible]

Have you ever mailed [illegible] Peter Pan Peanut Butter or [illegible] jar seal, along with 10 cents[illegible] waited excitedly for a tiny pla[illegible] man in the mail?

Have you built, then [illegible] crystal set radio?

Defrosted a refrigerator [illegible] with hot water and lots of [illegible] chipping by hand?

Bought for 5 cents, coke[illegible] bottle, a bag of popcorn [illegible] movies, pack of gum or a [illegible] bar? Remember when Three [illegible] keteer bars were three sep[illegible] chocolate covered pieces?

How about those days [illegible] you were sick and mom kept [illegible] home from school? Did you [illegible] bed all day? And did the [illegible] make a house call to chec[illegible] out? Did your mother make [illegible] mustard plaster to relieve you[illegible] cold? Did she give you a [illegible] castor oil every morning?

How old were you when [illegible] saw TV? To protect your ey[illegible] you watch with the lights [illegible] were you careful not to [illegible] close? When the programs [illegible] over for the day (what [illegible] that?), the National Anthem [illegible] playing and there was a [illegible] tern. Do you remember? Wer[illegible]

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actually dial a telephone? party line? When you to call long distance, did er dial O and talk to a live who placed your call per- person or station-to-station? you have a telephone that with the phone number on the dial? And did the begin with a word: Kellogg, Baldwin, etc.?

to a sock hop? Or on a ive dinner?

ou have a hone that came he phone number d on the dial? id the number with a word: g, Andover, in, etc.?

mber scavenger hunts? your dance card? you burned a pile of crisp es in the street gutter? that incomparable aroma? that long ago, for my own rned a bucket of fall leaves eighbor so they could get a his experience. I wonder if member it?)

mail ever delivered to your twice a day? Did a man around to collect old pots s, fat and bones for the war

you ever made "butter" by g a spot of coloring into a ag of white fat? Used sugar ere war ration coupons? the butcher to throw in a ge with your order?

ase a war bond? Deposited ank into your own account at ge Bank Day?

ed to buy shoes, then stood r feet poked into a fluoro- in your mom, the salesman to could see the bones of e inside the shoes?

ou practice penmanship in ? Dip a detachable pen nib n bowl fitted into your desk

member waiting an hour af- ent to go swimming?

ntact and insert dimes in e's dimes card?

ve the polio vaccine on a pack? Have to stay out of ng pools for a whole sum- ecause everyone was scared ecosin?

you have a key for your ches on a ribbon around

you a bike-riding paper ver delivered rolled up papers folded into front-and-back ng slung over your head? ose kids, now 18 and 20, ght Converse shoes. Just ave them.

I saw them, I couldn't be- What're they now come in ored red, they look surpris- ke the all black basketball every boy I knew wore ir childhood.

e things do come back in typewritten letters with carbon paper copies? I

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Special rules apply to IRAs



LEILA GOUGH
Money Matters

To help you save money for retirement, there are a number of options available. One of the most common is the Individual Retirement Account (IRA). While hundreds of investment alternatives are accessible through an IRA, there are some types of investments and transactions that the IRS does not allow in IRAs. Therefore, it is important that you as an investor understand exactly what you can and can not do with these types of accounts.

Special IRS rules governing IRAs fall into two general categories: those restricting the types of investments that can be held within an IRA, and those limiting the types of transactions that can be executed. To help make you aware of these rules, we will take a look at each in more detail.

Technically, the IRS does not actually "approve" assets in IRAs, but it does indicate which assets are not allowed. Some of the investments that are prohibited include: life insurance, artwork, rugs, antiques metals, gems, stamps, coins (with limited exceptions), alcoholic beverages, and certain other tangible personal property.

As mentioned earlier, the IRS not only prohibits certain types of investments, but also certain types of transactions. Some examples of prohibited transactions are: borrowing money from your IRA, selling property to your IRA, receiving unreasonable compensation for managing IRA assets, using the IRA as security for a loan, and buying property for personal use (present or future) with IRA funds, among others.

Specifically, the rules regarding IRA transactions do not allow for self-dealing. In other words, the rules are designed to keep a reasonable distance between you —the investor — and your investments.

The relationship between you and the assets in your IRA is probably more complex than you thought. One thing you need to understand is that you and your IRA are two separate entities in the eyes of the IRS. That may seem logical, but it is an important distinction. As the owner, you actually own the account, but there is also a custodian or trustee through which your assets are managed and held. You can direct them to purchase or sell an asset for your account, but you cannot become directly involved in the transaction itself.

Also, you cannot be a manager, director, officer or other individual compensated directly or indirectly by any company you are investing in within the IRA either. In addition, you cannot personally transact business with your IRA, such as buying assets from the account or selling to the account any assets you own outside of the IRA. Once again, these rules keep you separated from the investments in your account.

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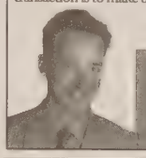
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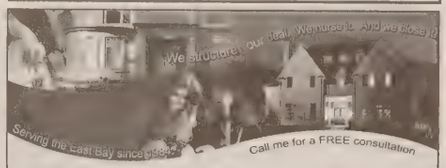
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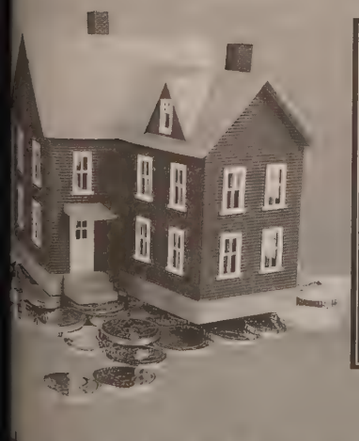
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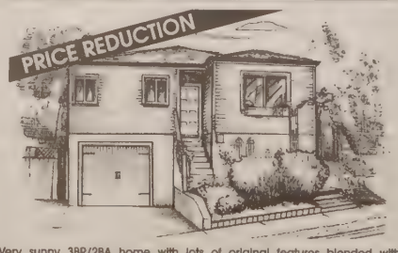
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Consumers can find a wealth of information on the Internet. It's a logical first step in finding out just about everything to do with real estate. Here's a site I've visited and thought you might like too. The California Association of Realtors website, although geared to agents, has some invaluable information for the consumer. If you are looking for an agent click on "Find A Realtor." The "Property Locator" shows what's for sale in state. "Consumer Tips" offers Multi-Lingual Resources, Steps To The American Dream and more. Go visit www.car.org.

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for breaking the rules can be stiff If at any time during the year you engage in a prohibited transaction within your IRA, the account stops being an IRA as of the first day of the year (the same holds true if your beneficiary engages in such a transaction). Your account is then treated as having distributed all of its assets at their fair market value as of the first of the year. You will have to pay income taxes on this amount, and the IRS 10 percent early-withdrawal penalty may apply as well.

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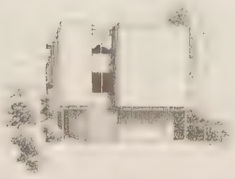


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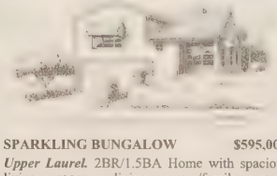
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AL SALES: 80
WEST PRICE: $127,500
HEST PRICE: $1,200,000

MEDIAN PRICE: $500,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $523,756

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TOTAL SALES: 1
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TOTAL SALES: 41
LOWEST PRICE: $180,000
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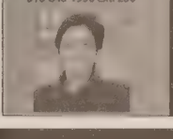
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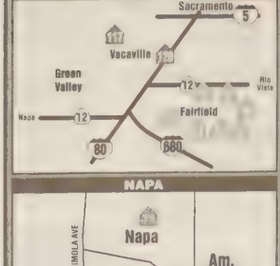
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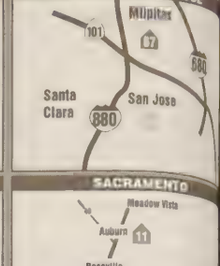
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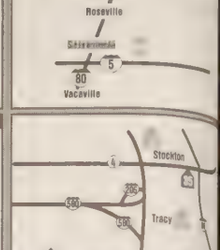
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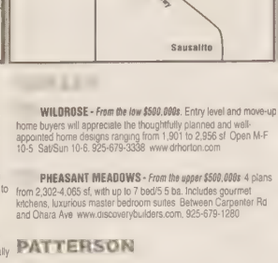


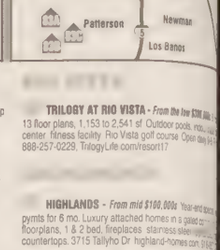












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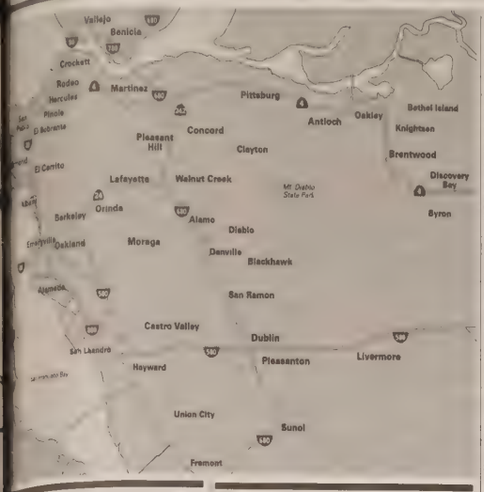
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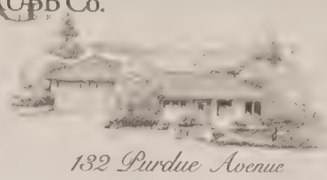


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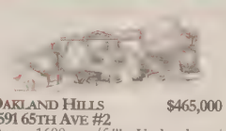
OAKMORE $669,000
4089 WATERHOUSE RD
Great location for this bright home with hardwood floors, wooden blinds, decorator colors! One level floor plan, walk to shops, bus, close to freeways.
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Very charming Millsmont traditional. Three bedrooms and one bathroom, gleaming hardwood floors, a huge back yard, garage and workshop! A great buy! OPEN SUN 2-4:30
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OAKLAND $599,000
3105 MIDDLETON
This gorgeous 2bd/1.5ba trad'l rancher offers a lrg 1600 sq/ft flr plan, wide plank HWF's, kit/fam. rm combo, private rear yard, shoji screens, gorgeous landscaping and San Leandro schools. See photos at:
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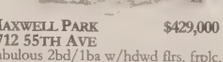
OAKLAND HILLS $465,000
3591 65TH AVE #2
Over 1600 sq/ft!!! Updated w/ granite & stainless steel, in-unit washer & dryer, garage, Bay view.
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Urban oasis, 2bd/1ba w/HWF's, updated kitchen, bath, private rear garden. Walk to Piedmont Ave shops & restaurants. Custom painting in/out.
JackBrenneman 339.8400~339.4557



MAXWELL PARK $429,000
2712 55TH AVE
Fabulous 2bd/1ba w/hdwd flrs, frplc, fresh interior & exterior paint, newer roof & lovely yard. A must see!
Nader Davari 339.8400~339.4566



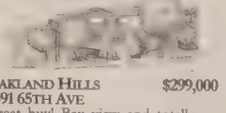
TEMESCAL $649,000
471 41ST STREET
Three bedroom, one bath. Craftsman details throughout. Updated kitchen. Spacious! OPEN SUN 2-4:30
Tom Watson 339.4000~899.6364



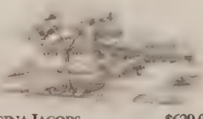
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2661 PARKER STREET
Walter Ratcliff designed shingle, distinctive architecture; 2-story bay windows, 2 frplc's, spacious & light, coved ceilings, built-in window seat & bookcases. Own a piece of history in Elmwood. See photos at:
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3591 65TH AVE
Great buy! Bay view and totally remodeled! Big closets, granite & stainless kitchen. See photos at:
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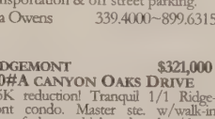
REGINA JACOBS $629,000
10920 COTTER STREET
Ranch style beauty. 3bd/2ba all on one level, spacious floor plan. Great indoor-outdoor living. Gleaming hWF's, newly painted, updated kit & baths. Ready to move right in! OPEN SUN 2-5
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Regina Jacobs 339.8400~899.4568



REDWOOD HEIGHTS $895,000
487 CRESTMONT DRIVE
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RIDGEMONT $321,000
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LAUREL $465,000
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Martha Hill 339.8400~899.6369



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5829 ADELINE STREET
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Arnold Mueller 339.4000~899.6311



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220 CALDECOTT LANE #101
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Shannon Klatt 339.8400~339.4280

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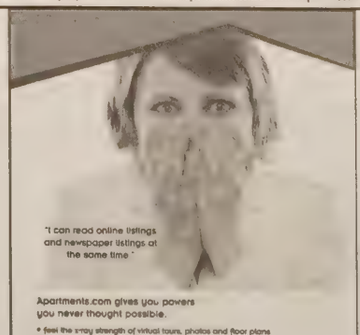
SEQUOYAH HEIGHTS $598,000
129 MOUNTAIN VALLEY
Fabulous Sequoyah Heights townhouse... All on one level. 2bd/2ba, bamboo floors, frplc, spectacular Bay views.
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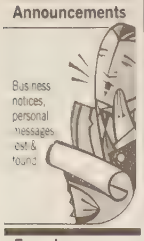
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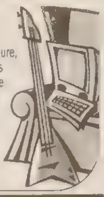
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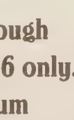
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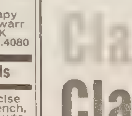
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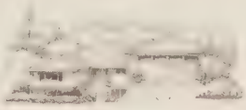
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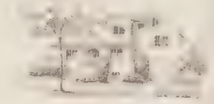
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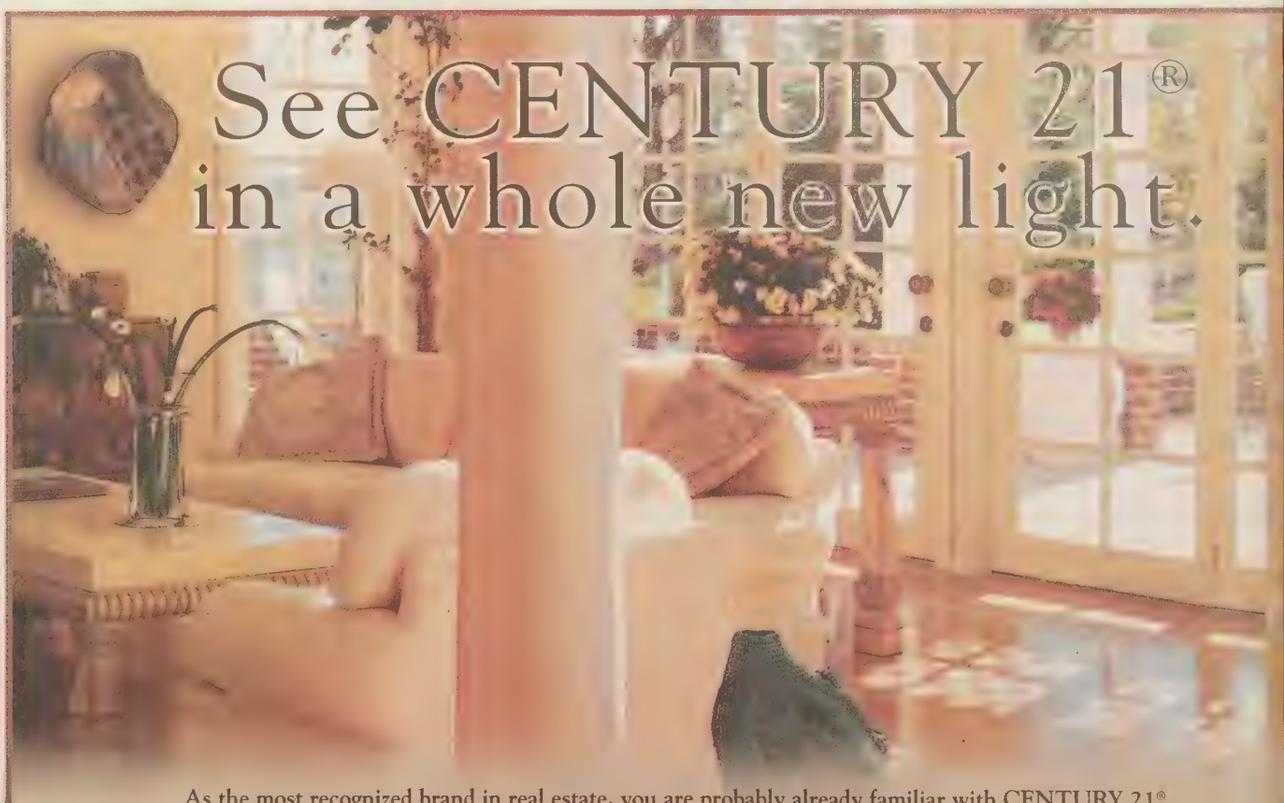
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El Cerrito rolls into NCS semifinals

■ Gauchos advance for first time since '98 with win over Kennedy-Fremont; rematch with Ygnacio Valley next

By Steve Herendeen
MEDIANEWS STAFF

With the kind of high-powered offense the El Cerrito High School football team has, every opponent realizes it can't afford to make too many mistakes.

Kennedy-Fremont learned the hard way Friday night when the visiting Titans took on the No. 1 Gauchos in the first round of the North Coast Section 2A East Bay playoffs.

The No. 8 Titans (4-7) committed three huge turnovers in the first half and El Cerrito took advantage of all of them en route to a 52-14 victory. The win set up a semifinal matchup between the host Gauchos (9-1-1) and No. 5 Ygnacio Valley (5-6) tonight at 7 p.m.

Quarterback Don Miguel Tutass rushed for three touchdowns and threw for another as the Gauchos amassed 419 yards against Kennedy. Tutass rushed for a game-high 130 yards, including TDs of 38 and 13 yards. He also went 8-for-12 passing for 119 yards, including a 52-yard scoring toss to Michael Hicks in the third quarter.

El Cerrito's first score came following a muffed punt that Vernon Miller recovered. That set up Marvin Shepherd for a 3-yard touchdown run and an 8-0 lead with 4:11 left in the first quarter.

Tutass' 38-yard scoring run made the score 14-0 after the first quarter and was set up by Maxwell Ellison's fumble recovery.

Shepherd got his second TD, a 17-yard run, in a more conventional manner, but the Gauchos took a 30-0 lead into halftime thanks to yet another Kennedy fumble. This one started a two-play, 31-yard march that ended with Tutass' 13-yard scamper.

Jequerie Proctor also had a 65-yard run for a touchdown in the third quarter. Hicks (three catches, 98 yards) caught his TD in the third quarter and Tutass finished things off with a 1-yard run in the fourth.

Kennedy managed just 224 yards, most of them coming on three end-arounds for 108 yards by Ashton Fullbright. The Titans' scores came on a 4-yard run by Robbie Romero in the third quarter and Trevor Baushou's 1-yard scoring run in the fourth.

NCS 2A EAST BAY FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

■ **No. 5 Ygnacio Valley (5-6) at No. 1 El Cerrito (9-1-1), 7 p.m.**

Last week: Ygnacio Valley beat Bishop O'Dowd 28-14, El Cerrito beat Kennedy-Fremont 54-12.

Playoff history: The Warriors are the defending 2A East Bay champions and are in the semifinals for the third time since 2000. They are trying to reach their fourth NCS title game. The Gauchos are coming off their first NCS playoff victory since 1998. That was the last season El Cerrito reached the finals, where it lost 40-0 to Miramonte. The teams last met in the first round of the 2005 playoffs. Ygnacio Valley won 49-12.

Notes: Ygnacio Valley's first-round win over Bishop O'Dowd was its first win since Oct. 7, ending a five-game losing streak. El Cerrito, which had 401 yards of total offense in its first-round victory, has scored at least one touchdown in each of its last 14 quarters



GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

TARAH MURREY, center, celebrates with her St. Mary's High teammates after she spiked the ball against Holy Names in an NCS playoff game Nov. 15.

Panthers rally for NCS title



GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

KATHARYN BAUBLITZ of St. Mary's lunges for a dig in the Panthers' opening-round win over Holy Names in the NCS playoffs Nov. 15.

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

St. Mary's High School had a harder time than most would have expected in its North Coast Section Division IV girls volleyball final Saturday night against visiting Moreau Catholic.

After struggling in the first game, though, the top-seeded Panthers roared back impressively to earn a 21-25, 25-8, 25-18, 25-18 win and a second consecutive section title.

On Tuesday, the Panthers (26-9) began their quest for a second straight California Interscholastic Federation Northern regional championship against Harbor-Santa Cruz. The results were unavailable at press time.

For a time, some might have wondered if the Panthers would have to enter the "NorCals" as a section runner-up after a strong start by No. 3 Moreau Catholic (25-6). The possibility of an upset began to take shape when the Mariners never looked back after breaking a 12-12 deadlock in the opening game.

An ace serve by the Mariners' Simone Sagapolu served as a fitting end to the game, as St. Mary's appeared completely baffled.

But a change in the teams' respective fortunes seemed to go hand-in-hand with the change of sides for the second game, as St. Mary's appeared completely baffled.

Suddenly, St. Mary's began to play in the manner of the defending NCS and NorCal champion that it was, with few mistakes and near-total domination. After spotting the

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Around the horn

All-BSAL football

Eight St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School football players made the All-Bay Shore Athletic League first team, the league announced last week. The selected Bruins players are running backs Jovan Carrington and Jason Garcia, quarterback Max Schulz, linemen Ryan Maher, Alex Wong, Matt Murillo and Anthony Asche, and linebacker Michael Meekins. Selected from Piedmont High were lineman Tonio Celotto, linebackers David Molmen and Ryan Barbieri, quarterback Will Conn, wide receiver/linebacker Kent Menike and wide receiver/defensive back Brandan Newland. Albany is represented by Eric Roberson (running back/defensive back), Chris Olsen (wide receiver/defensive back), Arvon Razi (linebacker) and Tarek Wally (linebacker/offensive line). Lanny Kelly (wide receiver/defensive back) and Jon Bock (defensive back) represent St. Mary's. Santario Carson (Bishop), Thomas Arguello (quarterback), Thomas Chao (offensive line) and Mark Anderson-Williams (running back) were selected from John Swett.

Honorable mention went to St. Patrick running back Daniel Wyatt and defensive back Jose Padilla, and Piedmont teammates Peter Modena (running back), Adam Price (offensive line/defensive back), Chase Smiegiel (defensive back) and Jordan Remer (place kicker). Earning this list are Albany's Sean Brown (tight end/defensive end), Ari Colby Dorman (quarterback), Nick Green (lineman), Sam Crowley (lineman) and Daniel Garner (lineman). Making honorable mention for St. Mary's were defensive backs Jordan Wilder and Keith McCullum, running back Jeremy Allen, offensive lineman Ryan Vines, linebacker Threrence James, tight end Justin Shields and quarterback Matt Lombardi. John Swett selections were tight end/defensive lineman Alax Herndon, offensive lineman Kart Jennings and Kyle Lewis, defensive backs Rashad Ross and Domonic Lopez and linebacker Jordan Porter. Rounding out the list are Kennedy's Royce Hughes (quarterback), Tomua Galloway (running back), Aaron Tatum (wide receiver/linebacker) and Ansar Taylor (running back/linebacker).

— Mike McGreehan

Albany youth wrestling

The Albany Police Activities League wrestling team finished in the top three in their age groups at the Diablo Area League Championship Tournament on Nov. 4. The sixth-grade team took first, the eighth-grade team was second, and the seventh-grade team was third. Champions from the APAL team included Elijah Sudduth, Salmon Zavala, Athos Costa, Bob Ely, Brian Bernard, Aaron Krueger, Andrew Olson and Marvin Alvarado.

— Phil Jensen

Hill signs with German team

Berkeley High School graduate Kamani Hill, 20, has signed a 2½-year contract with German First Division club Wolfsburg with an option for an additional year, according to SoccerAmericaDaily.com. Hill played the 2004 and 2005 seasons for UCLA.

— Phil Jensen

On Deck

CIF Tri-Valley Interscholastic Federation state championships, cross country, Woodward Park, Fresno, Nov. 25, 8:30 a.m. — A number of local teams and individuals will be competing in the state championships, including St. Mary's boys and Piedmont's boys (Division IV boys, 8:30 a.m.), Carondelet College Prep boys (Division V boys, 9 a.m.), Piedmont and St. Mary's girls teams, and Carondelet's Luz Mejia (Division IV girls, 9:30 a.m.), Bishop O'Dowd's Zeal Levin and Austen Diliberto (Division III boys, 11:45 a.m.) and Alameda's Miguel Castro (Division II boys, 12:50 p.m.).

CIF Northern California semifinal, girls volleyball, Nov. 25, TBA — St. Mary's advanced to this game if it defeated Harbor-Santa Cruz on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

Stars of the week

Don Miguel Tutass, El Cerrito football — Tutass, a quarterback, rushed for a game-high 130 yards and three touchdowns on runs of 38, 13 and 1-yard in a 52-14 victory over Kennedy-Fremont. Tutass also completed eight of his 12 pass attempts for 119 yards and a touchdown.

Laura Challis, St. Mary's girls volleyball — Challis delivered 12 kills, four blocks and seven digs in the Panthers' 21-25, 25-8, 25-18, 25-18 North Coast Section Division IV championship victory over Moreau Catholic. She also had eight kills and three blocks in St. Mary's 25-18, 25-21, 25-20 sectional victory over St. Patrick-St. Vincent, and 11 kills in the Panthers' 25-19, 25-16, 25-11 quarterfinal victory over Holy Names.

Coerie Enscoe, Berkeley boys cross country — Enscoe, a senior, was edged out by one place for the final individual qualifying berth for the CIF Northern state cross country championships. He finished eighth in the North Coast Section Division II boys' race with a time of 16 minutes, 4 seconds over the 3.1-mile race. Castro Valley's Jack Leng was seventh in 15:55.

Andrew Sylvester, Skyline boys cross country — Sylvester finished the 3.1-mile course at Sequoyah Miller Park in Oakland in 18.01 to win the NCS championship.

Amy Cordiaco, Skyline girls cross country — Cordiaco also took home an OAL title, finishing in 19:33 to edge out teammates Jessica Wi and Annabelle Lu for the league crown.

Jamie Lawrence, College Prep boys cross country — Lawrence finished seventh at the NCS boys' cross country championship with a time of 16.21 and led the Cougars to the team title in Division V.

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Duffy sets pace as Panthers win

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

HAYWARD — How dominant was Matt Duffy in the North Coast Section Division IV boys cross country championship race Saturday?

So dominant that when he broke away from a large lead pack just after the mile mark of the 3.1 mile race at Hayward High School, no one was able to keep up with him. The St. Mary's High School junior held a 23-second lead by the 2-mile mark and eventually won the race by 26 seconds with a time of 15 minutes, 25 seconds. It was the largest margin of victory in any NCS boys race Saturday, and Duffy's win helped St. Mary's also claim the team title.

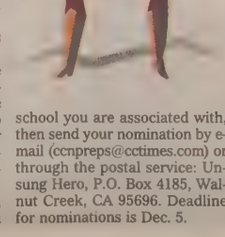
"Today, I took off earlier than I planned to," Duffy said. "I had a couple ideas about where to make a nice move. When I heard the mile time, I thought it was too slow."

Duffy led a large pack through the mile mark in 5:13, then ran a 5:04 second mile. He continued to increase his speed, as he ran the final 1.1

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NOMINATIONS NEEDED

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Is there someone connected with your high school team who works tirelessly behind the scenes but rarely receives credit?

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The Times is looking for unsung heroes involved with high school teams in our circulation area, whether they are head coaches or assistants, teachers or administrators, parents or team managers, members of the maintenance staff or team bus drivers.

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Be sure to include your name, phone number and the high school you are associated with, then send your nomination by e-mail (ccnpreps@cctimes.com) or through the postal service: Unsung Hero, P.O. Box 4185, Walnut Creek, CA 95696. Deadline for nominations is Dec. 5.

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■ **Continental Little League** — Registration 7-9 p.m. Nov. 29 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 2. For boys and girls ages 5-14. Ygnacio Valley Elementary School, 2217 Chalomar Road, Concord. Contact: 925-510-6141, www.continental-baseball.com.

■ **Junior Optimist Baseball League** — Registration for 2007 season 10 a.m.-noon Dec. 2 and Jan. 6 and 13. For boys and girls ages 4-18. JOBL Complex, 1750 Bates Ave., Concord. $75-$160. Contact: 925-458-4491, www.eteamz.com/jobl.

■ **Concord American Little League** — Sign-ups 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 2. For boys and girls ages 5-14. El Dorado Middle School, 1750 West Street, Concord. Contact: 925-497-6273, www.call-baseball.com.

■ **Walnut Creek Little League** — Registration and tryouts 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 2 and 7-9 p.m. Dec. 7. For boys and girls ages 7-18. Foothill Middle School, 2775 Cedro Lane, Walnut Creek. Contact: 925-806-8242, www.eteamz.com/walnutcreekll.

■ **Clayton Valley Pony Baseball** — Orientation and sign-ups 6:30 p.m. Dec. 6. For boys ages 11-14. Skipolini's Pizza, 1035 Diablo St., Clayton. Contact: Tom King, 925-685-7452, www.cvpony.org.

■ **Danville Pony Baseball** — Tryouts 9-11 a.m. Dec. 11-12. For boys ages 9-14. Athenian School Baseball Fields, 2100 Mt. Diablo Scenic Blvd., Danville. Contact: 925-683-8351, www.danvillepony-baseball.com.

■ **Orinda Baseball Association** — Sign-ups through Dec. 15. For ages 7-14. $225-$325. Contact: 925-254-5500, www.orindabaseball.org.

■ **Clayton Valley High School** — 6th annual Eagle Baseball Christmas Camp 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Dec. 18-20. 1101 Alberta Way, Concord. $150. Contact: 925-682-7474.

■ **Clayton Valley Jr. Eagles** — Tryouts for players ages 12-13 ongoing by appointment. Contact: Rob Sperry, 925-899-8724, jr_eagles@hotmail.com, www.eteamz.com/jr-eagles.

BASKETBALL

■ **Hoop-It-Up** — Registration ongoing 11 a.m.-5 p.m. through Nov. 29 at 147 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Youth basketball program for boys and girls in grades 3-8. Contact: 925-682-0896.

■ **East Bay Panthers** — Tryouts for girls ages 10-15 by appointment. Registration form available on Web site, complete and return to 3527 Mt. Diablo Blvd. #135, Lafayette. Contact: 925-284-1484, ebp@eastbaypanthers.org, www.eastbaypanthers.org.

■ **Orinda Youth Association** — Late registration for instructional league for grades 1-2 and boys and girls leagues for grades 3-8 ongoing. Orinda Community Center, 28 Orinda Way. $140-$175. Contact: 925-253-4204, www.ci.orinda.ca.us.

■ **SportsStrong AAU Basketball Club** — Shooting clinics and travel team registration ongoing. For ages 10-15. Contact: 925-330-5316, www.sportstrong.com.

FUND-RAISER

■ **Crab Feed** — Dinner, auction and dancing Feb. 3. For tickets send check and SASE to: CPHS Boosters, 3232 Hudson Ave., Walnut Creek, CA 94597. Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive. $50, $60 after Jan. 1. www.cphsboosters.com.

RUGBY

■ **Diablo Youth Rugby** — Sign-ups ongoing for girls ages 9-14 and boys ages 9-16. Contact: Nigel Carter, 925-943-5339, nmcarter01@aol.com, www.diabloyouthrugby.com.

SOFTBALL

■ **Concord Mavericks** — Open tryouts for Lindsey James-Vicky Galindo 16U team Dec. 3. Pitchers and catchers 9 a.m., all others 10 a.m. Ygnacio Valley High School, 755 Oak Grove Road, Concord. Contact: 925-765-3982, www.concordmavericks.com.

■ **Concord Lady Hawks** — Tryouts for 2007 spring/summer season 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 16. For girls under 16 A team. Hillcrest Park, Olivera Road and Terraza Del Sol, Concord. Contact: 925-287-5015, concordladyhawks@yahoo.com, www.concordladyhawks.com.

■ **Dare to Believe** — Tryouts for traveling softball team ongoing by appointment. Looking to fill two roster sports for 2007 team. Contact: 925-708-7561, hot5150@comcast.net.

■ **San Ramon Valley Girls Athletic League** — Online registration for spring 2007 league ongoing for girls ages 5-18. $180-$210. Contact: 925-838-2694, www.srvgal.org.

SWIMMING

■ **Pleasant Hill Rec and Park District** — Pre-season training 3:45-5:30 p.m. Dec. 4-Feb. 1. For ages 13-18. College Park High School, 201 Viking Drive, Pleasant Hill. Contact: 925-682-0896.

WATER POLO

■ **Lamorinda Girls Water Polo** — Informational meeting and registration 6:30-8 p.m. Nov. 27. For girls ages 9-20. Soda Aquatic Center Community Room, 300 Moraga Road, Moraga. Contact: lwpinc@comcast.net, www.lamorindawaterpolo.org.

JOBS

■ **Acalanes High School** — Looking for JV and freshman head baseball coaches. Contact: 925-280-3970 ext. 7388.

■ **Rudgear Estates Swim Team** — Looking for head and assistant swim coaches for 2007 season. For information and to submit a resume contact: Nancy Robey, 925-935-1572, www.rudgearrats.com.

■ **Orinda Intermediate School** — Looking for Boys grade 6-8 basketball coach. Contact: Milos Ribic, 925-376-4402 ext. 242, mribic@orinda.k12.ca.us.

■ **Liberty High School** — Looking for JV head baseball coach and assistant baseball coaches. Contact: Nick Ferreira, 510-719-7474.

■ **El Cerrito High School** — Looking for JV basketball coach. Contact: 510-525-0234 ext. 2645, gaustin488@aol.com.

■ **Antioch Little League** — Umpires wanted for baseball and softball. For information or appointment: 925-755-7920, questions@antiochlittleleague.com, www.antiochlittleleague.com.

■ **Concord High School** — Looking for swim coaches for the upcoming season. Contact: Laurie Cullenward at 768-6450, eculiy@pacbell.net.

■ **Berean Christian High School** — Openings for an assistant varsity soccer coach and assistant freshman boys and JV girls basketball coach. Must be in agreement with Berean's Statement of Faith. Contact: Greg at 925-945-6464 ext. 25, coaches@sfound.net, www.berean-eagles.org.

■ **Alameda World Team Baseball** — Accepting applications for the position of general manager and manager of the 2007 World Team. Tournament will be held in Mazatlan, Mexico, in August 2007. Composed of players ages 14-18. Contact: Jeni Marr, jenimednamee@hoo.com, 510-865-6226.

Panthers

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miles in 5:08.

"I think as soon as you make a strong gap, people forget about you," Duffy said.

Teammate Rob Riccardi backed up Duffy with a third-place finish in 16:03.

"My game plan was to stay with the front leaders," said Riccardi, a senior. "I wasn't surprised when Matt broke off."

The Panthers' other scorers were junior Jeremy Kotin (16th, 16:45), junior Forrest Jordan (19th, 16:50) and freshman Tony Levine (30th, 17:15).

In Division IV, the top three teams and the top five individuals not on those teams, as long as the individuals finished in the top 14, qualify for the California Interscholastic Federation state championships this Saturday at Woodward Park in Fresno.

The St. Mary's girls team also earned a spot in the state championships. The Panthers finished third in the Division IV girls race with a score of 119 points. Their scorers were freshman Alex Choy (ninth, 19:48), sophomore Margot Sullivan (11th, 19:52), freshman Taylor Lawson (16th, 20:28), sophomore Alice Baker (34th, 21:15) and senior Hilary Sanders (59th, 22:32).

Albany and Berkeley also had teams which competed in the NCS championship meet.

The Cougars' boys team finished ninth in Division III race with 242 points. It was paced by senior Kevin Shea, who placed 34th in 16:50. Albany's girls team was seventh in their Division III race with 225 points. The Cougars were led by junior Jackie Quinn, who placed 27th with a time of 20:11.

Berkeley's boys team, which finished 11th in the Division I race with 300 points, was paced by senior Charlie Enscoe. He barely missed nabbing the final Division I individual qualifying spot when he placed eighth in 16:04. Jack Leng of Castro Valley, the final Division I state individual qualifier, was seventh in 15:55.

The Yellow Jackets' girls team was 14th in their Division I race with 370 points. Their top finisher was freshman Maura McDermott (24th, 20:03).

Volleyball

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Mariners the first point of game two, the Panthers were nearly unstoppable, as they scored five points in a row, and 21 of the next 24, to take full control.

"Our mistakes cost us the first game," Panthers coach Jon Segall said. "We made only two mistakes the second game. We talked about not being nervous, about not being stressed out. We talked about playing steady. We played under control the rest of the way."

All-Bay Shore Athletic League first-team selection Tarah Murrey, a nonfactor in game one, began to display all her mettle in game two. The rest of the Panthers seemed to catch on, too, as Sarah Brajkovich dumped the winning point over the net to pull the teams even at one game apiece.

Having gained momentum in game two, the Panthers played with renewed vigor and confidence the rest of the way.

St. Mary's d. St. Patrick-St. Vincent: The host Panthers (25-9) advanced to the NCS Division IV championship match for the third year in a row with a 25-18, 25-21, 25-20 defeat of the No. 4 Bruins (25-12) on Nov. 16.

Murrey had 19 kills, two blocks and 11 digs for the Panthers, and teammate Laura Challis added eight kills and three blocks.

"We started strong and just kept going. I was pretty happy," Segall said.

— Phil Jensen

St. Mary's d. Holy Names: The Panthers took the first step toward a long postseason run with a 25-19, 25-16, 25-11 North Coast Section Division IV quarterfinal win on Nov. 15 over visiting Holy Names.

"I think really the only difference (between last year's Panthers team and this year's squad) is that we're all young. We had eight seniors last year," said Tarah Murrey, who had 18 kills. "We are going to take each game — not match — at a time and realize there's a goal: NCS, then NorCal's, then state."

Holy Names (13-8) pushed St. Mary's initially on Nov. 15 in all three games, but the No. 1 seeded Panthers finished strong in each one.

"I think we're peaking at the right time. We are playing with more determination," Segall said. "Tonight we were in idle, but we could have gone zero to 60 in two seconds. We could have exploded."

Holy Names, the No. 9 seed, took a 17-16 lead in the first game before St. Mary's had a 4-0 run and didn't trail in the initial game after that. In the second game, the Monarchs tied the score at 12 before a 3-0 run gave the Panthers the lead for good in that game.

Genny Pezzola had five straight service points later in the game for St. Mary's, and she finished the match with five aces and 10 kills.

St. Mary's took control earlier in the third game. They trailed 3-2 before four straight service points by Challis gave the Panthers the lead for good.

Challis, one of four returnees from last year's squad, also had 11 kills in the match.

Last year, St. Mary's won the NCS Division IV title and was the Northern California representative in the Division IV state championship match, where it fell to Francis Parker-San Diego 26-24, 25-20, 25-9.

— Phil Jensen

El Molino-Forestville d. Albany: The visiting Cougars fell in the NCS Division III quarterfinals on Nov. 15, 25-23, 27-25, 25-16. Albany finished its season with a 25.9 record.

— Phil Jensen



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N PLAYING

...E": While on vacation, an ...-Juliette-Blanchett) is shot by ...of Moroccan boys fooling ...them a gun. Her husband ...ing trees to keep her alive, ...California their nanny (Adri... ...ana) opts to take their young ...across the border rather than ...her son's wedding. In a seem... ...related subplot set in Tokyo, a ...rebellious deaf mute ...Chieko Kikuchi) desperately ...afternoon. Director Alejandro ...Inarritu ("Amores Perros") ...weaves all this together to ...effect. Masterful and mov... (Vs. Pols. (R: violence, some ...nudity, sexual content, lan... ...and some drug use.) 2 hours, ...s. A

...": Sacha Baron Cohen ...Borat, his naive Kazakhstan ...character, to the United ...to make a "documentary" on ...Borat embarks on a cross... ...comp, ferreting out racists, ...ists and other moronic Ameri... ...don't realize they're on ...camera. It's all quite crude ...ny and Baron Cohen's nude ...with his hairy, plump pro... ...dicious. But he relies on the ...of strangers for his com... ...eventually, it gets a little de... ...to laugh at all these dum... ...M. Pols. (R: pervasive strong ...sexual content including ...nudity and language.) 1 hour, ...s. B

...RIDGE": Inspired by a New ...Year's Eve jump from the Golden Gate Bridge as a suicide site, ...ary filmmaker Eric Steel set ...eras at the Golden Gate ...and spent a year observing ...s. If his results were graded on ...of how much they make us ...about the human condition, ...high. But Steel's visuals of ...and death amount to a snuff ...rather than deepening our ...ding, they represent the ...on of our spectator culture. ...s are not recommendable ...conscience. — M. Pols. (R: ...g content involving suicide, ...language.) 1 hour, 33 min...

...O ROYALE": The fate of the ...never at stake in the latest ...that stars Daniel Craig, a ...to the spy series, as ...Bond. And Mads Mikkelsen as ...Le Chiffre differs from ...ous Bond villains: He's a ...ranching money launderer, ...gambled $100 million of an ...freedom fighter's" cash on a ...ing scheme that comes to ...d – B. Newman. (PG-13: ...olence, some torture, sexual ...udity.) 2 hours, 24 minutes.

...NG BEETHOVEN": Ed Harris ...Ludwig van Beethoven as a ...centric with a hearing ...This feminist fantasy has the ...ic student Anna Holtz (Di... ...positioning herself as the ...new copyist — the person ...a composer's scrawls into ...language. — B. Newman. ...sual elements, crude hu... ...or, 44 minutes. C

...PARTED": Martin Scorsese ...s best picture in years. ...from the clever 2002 Hong ...g drama "Infernal Affairs," ...dated" is a cat's cradle of ...e brought to life by a terrific ...e-including Leonardo Di... ...k Nicholson and Matt Da... ...ormed by a crude mob boss ...n since he was a boy, Colin ...Damon) joins a special ...ssists police unit whose ...ting Costello down. The ...heir own mole (DiCaprio) ...Kingpin's outfit. The pic... ...pretty but it is compelling ...ney places, very funny. — ...R: strong brutal violence, ...nguage, some sexual ...s drug material.) 2 hours, ...ter A-

...CH STREET": In this moving ...ending documentary, the ...filmmaker Doug Block's par... ...and Mina, in outline, seem ...as to be almost indistin... ...from those of countless ...cans of their generation. ...e film confirms what the ...to know: that marriage, ...the most common of human ...ents, is also among the ...ddley and mysterious. — ...(NR: profanity, violence.) 1 ...minutes. A

...OOD NATION": Eric ...e's best-selling book is re... ...a sprawling piece of fic... ...interwoven stories that focus ...aspect of burger production. ...eye-opening and filled with ...g, but it's as nonthreatening ...ood features sexual coer... ...ersive factory accidents, ...ner belts filled with cow ...could possibly be. If ...er's book was a polemic ...the industry, this is a soft-spo... — M. Pols. (R: disturbing ...strong sexuality, language ...g content). 1 hour, 46 min...

...D OF OUR FATHERS": After ...Iwo World War II drama, it ...impossible to look at the ...faces of soldiers raising the ...Iwo Jima without seeing be... ...George Based on a book by ...Bradley, the film portrays the ...fought on Japanese terri... ...Iwojima and its aftermath. The ...follows the fate of the six sol... ...during the three who sur... ...battle. The nonlinear story... ...flashbacks between the present ...and always revisiting the ...that left nearly 7,000 Ameri...

cans dead. — B. Caine. (R: graphic scenes of battlefield violence.) 2 hours, 11 minutes. A

"FLICKA": Today's new version is a swell retelling of the Mary O'Hara book that became a 1943 film and 1956 television series. At the heart of the tale is Kate (Alison Lohman), a confused teen struggling to reconcile what her parents want her to be and what she longs to become. When she discovers a wild mustang in the woods, she is determined to bring it back and tame it despite the objections of her intimidating dad (Tim McGraw). — N. Churnin. (PG: some mild language.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. B

"FLUSHED AWAY": The computer animated story has Roddy, a pampered pet rat from a swanky London mansion, plunging down a toilet. He lands in a vast metropolis tucked away in the sewer system deep beneath the city. Roddy does Bob Hope's klutzy-coward shtick until he jells with Rita, a tough, independent ship's captain who steals a ruby from the villain known as The Toad. B. Caine. (PG: crude humor and some language.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. B-

"FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION": Filmmaker Christopher Guest has expertly skewered dog owners ("Best in Show"), folk singers ("A Mighty Wind"), and small-town pageant people ("Waiting for Guffman"). In this film, he takes on Hollywood. But it's not the actual process of filmmaking that interests Guest and co-writer Eugene Levy, it's the buzz machine. Guest and Levy sketch out the sad but funny life of a fading actress (Catherine O'Hara) whose role in "Home for Purim" is said to be "Oscar-worthy." A PR guy (John Michael Higgins) stirs the publicity pot, and soon its boiling over about what an incredible movie "Purim" is going to be. Guest's take on the media machine is dead on and razor sharp. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual references and brief language.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. B

"F*":** Director Steve Anderson exhaustively explores the origins of the four-letter word and its many uses, from Lenny Bruce on stage to Dick Cheney on the Senate floor. Comics like Billy Connolly, Drew Carey and Bill Maher can be hilarious when they get on a roll, but too often the documentary feels like an endless parade of talking heads. —C. Lemire. (NR: contains language, sexuality and nudity.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. C

"FUR: AN IMAGINARY PORTRAIT OF DIANE ARBUS": Diane Arbus (Nicole Kidman) runs a successful photography studio with her husband, but begins to chafe under the buttoned-up, late 1950s lifestyle. That's the biography part. The imaginary aspect begins when a new tenant (Robert Downey Jr.), who has a hairy condition, moves into the building. Diane is not just Beauty to his Beast, she's also Alice in Wonderland, and he is the rabbit hole, introducing her to all the deformed and aberrant people she will later photograph. The film is unusual looking, and with its offbeat energy, it holds your attention. And it's a fascinating topic — how does a woman with a unique vision develop that eye? But honestly, does it have to be a *man* that turns her into an artist? — M. Pols. (R: graphic nudity, some sexuality and language). 2 hours, 2 minutes. C+

"A GOOD YEAR": Russell Crowe plays Max, a jerk in a suit who inherits a French chateau and after a few transformative, sun-soaked weeks under the Provencal sun, becomes a jerk in a ratty bathrobe. It's "Under the Tuscan Sun," although instead of Diane Lane renovating a farmhouse, we get Max undergoing a dubious renovation of the soul. He's charmless, the plot is thinner than Beaujolais Nouveau and, while the scenery is lovely, picking up the new issue of Travel and Leisure can give you the same hit for less money. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language and some sexual content.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. C

"HALF NELSON": Ryan Gosling is a teacher in a run down Brooklyn middle school. He knows how to inspire his students, but his own life is a disaster; he sneaks into a school bathroom to smoke crack. When one of his students (Shareeka Epps, watchful, wary and very good) catches him, a strange but real friendship springs up between them. In the end, we're not sure who is nurturing whom. Gosling gives such a naturalistic performance you find yourself still worrying about his character after the movie ends. — M. Pols. (R: drug content throughout, language and some sexual content.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. A-

"HAPPY FEET": Like the classic animated Disney movies from decades ago, "Happy Feet," isn't afraid to get a little serious, a little dark. It's what makes this film so different from the glut of animated films that have come to theaters this year. Breathtaking visuals underscore a tale about young penguin who is not like the other penguins. He can't belt out his own unique song, but he can dance. The film follows Mumble (Elijah Wood) on a journey of self-discovery, of himself and the world, which can be both thrilling and harrowing. — C. Lemire. (PG: some mild peril and rude humor.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. A-

"HARSH TIMES": Harsh, ugly, violent and downbeat drama — just what you want for the holidays. An unstable, recently discharged Army Ranger leads his unemployed best friend on an odyssey of drugs, alcohol, petty thievery and general nastiness through their South Central L.A. 'hood. Christian Bale and Freddy Rodriguez breathe life into their roles, but not enough to justify the carnage. Good start, awful finish. — B. Caine. (R: strong violence, language and drug use.) 2 hours. D-

"THE ILLUSIONIST": Edward Norton plays a master magician in turn-of-the-century Vienna, and he's so good you almost believe he can make an orange tree grow from a seed in less than a minute. Jessica Biel is the noblewoman he loves, Rufus Sewell his arch nemesis, and Paul Giamatti is a detective but, more important, the only other actor on screen who can hold his own against Norton the Magnificent. Together, they elevate the material, which is good but not great. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some sexuality and violence.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. B

"JESUS CAMP": Liberals (or folks who believe in the separation of church and state) will find this film alarming. Members of the religious right may find themselves saying "Amen!" "Jesus Camp" follows three Missouri youths to a Christian camp in North Dakota that serves as ROTC training for God's army. Employing a cinema verite style, the filmmakers do a remarkable job of presenting this polarizing material without editorializing. — R. Butler. (PG-13: some discussions of mature subject matter.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B

"JONESTOWN": A thoughtful documentary about Jim Jones' People's Temple, from its rapid growth in the early '70s to its end in mass suicide in Guyana in 1978. Director Stanley Nelson has come up with archival footage we haven't seen before and, paired with interviews with former members, we get a compelling picture of what made the church so successful. His handling of the cult's last two days is particularly riveting. But Jones himself remains an elusive figure. — M. Pols. (NR) 1 hour, 26 minutes. B

"THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND": This queasily enjoyable fiction film, based on the novel by Giles Foden, creates a portrait of famous and brutal Ugandan dictator Idi Amin from inside the palace walls. Furiously paced with excellent performances by Forest Whitaker (Amin) and James McAvoy as the foolish Scotsman who becomes the leader's personal physician, the film has texture, if not depth, and enough intelligence to almost persuade you that it actually has something of note to say. — M. Dargis. (R: some strong violence and gruesome images, sexual content and language.) 2 hours. A-

"LET'S GO TO PRISON": Less a comedy than a spoof, stretched out to criminal lengths. John (Dax Shepard) is a career criminal. After being sent away three times by the same judge, for revenge he frames the judge's son, the spoiled, effete Nelson Biederman IV (Will Arnett). John then gets himself busted so he can enjoy his foil's torment first-hand. — D. Hilbrand. (R: profanity, sexual content, some violence, drug use.) 1 hour, 24 minutes. D

"LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE": An alienated family — deluded and egotistical father, frustrated mother, suicidal uncle, anarchist son and drug abusing grandfather — come together during a two-day road trip to a beauty pageant for little girls. A top-notch ensemble cast is led by Greg Kinnear and Steve Carell. — M. Pols. (R: some language, sex and drug content.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. A-

"MAN OF THE YEAR": The sharpest political satires know where they're going and how they plan to get there. "Man of the Year" knows where it wants to go but loses its footing on the way. Robin Williams plays a cable-show host elected president because of a computer error. — B. Caine. (PG-13: crude sexual references, drug-related material and brief violence.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. C+

"MARIE ANTOINETTE": Sofia Coppola gives us history as imagined by a smart seventh-grader, dreamy, romantic and as stylish as a fashion magazine. It's harmless, she's only interested in empathy; what was it like to be Marie Antoinette (the lovely Kirsten Dunst) Queen of France? A little lonely apparently, but still loads of fun and you can't beat the shoes or the setting (Coppola shot much of this at Versailles). The movie is so shallow that you question Coppola's intellect. But there are scenes you can't shake, and certainly, this is a conversation piece. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content, partial nudity and

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MOVIES THAT OPENED THIS WEEK

"BOBBY" (R): On the eve of Bobby Kennedy's assassination, we meet 22 of the people gathered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, waiting for the presidential candidate to arrive. Directed by Emilio Estevez. The cast of notables includes Anthony Hopkins, Sharon Stone, Martin Sheen, Harry Belafonte and Helen Hunt.

"THE CAVE OF THE YELLOW DOG" (NR): In Mongolia, a father and daughter disagree about a stray dog, who she wants to keep, and he sees as a threat to the family's sheep. From the director of "The Story of the Weeping Camel," Byambasuren Davaa.

"DECK THE HALLS" (PG): Matthew Broderick and Danny DeVito play neighbors engaged in a competition to see who can have the most spectacular Christmas light display.

"DÉJÀ VU" (PG-13): An ATF agent (Denzel Washington) goes back in time to save the life of a murder victim and begins to fall in love with her in the process. Washington reteams with his "Man on Fire" director Tony Scott.

"THE FOUNTAIN" (PG-13): Darren Aronofsky directs this love story told in three different centuries, but always featuring the same pair of lovers, played in Hugh Jackman and Rachel Weisz.

"THE HISTORY BOYS" (R): The much loved play about a group of teenaged boys studying sex, sports and history — the latter with the help of a non-traditional teacher — comes to the big screen, featuring the cast from the original London production.

"TENACIOUS D: THE PICK OF DESTINY" (R): A fictionalized and comic version of the early days of Jack Black and Kyle Gass' band Tenacious D, which apparently included a quest for a magic guitar.

"VOLVER" (R): Director Pedro Almodovar and his former muse, Penelope Cruz, reteam for a comic drama revolving around a pair of Spanish sisters who are very close, yet still manage to keep enormous secrets from each other, including the fact that their dead mother has begun making appearances to one of them.

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1115 Solano Ave, Albany 510-464-5980
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•**The Queen** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:40

AMC Bay Street 16
5614 Shellmound St., Emeryville 510-457-4262
•**Babel** (R) 10:35, 12:30, 1:45, 3:40, 4:45, 6:45, 9:50
•**Casino Royale** (PG-13) 11, 2:15, 3:30, 5:40, 7, 8:15, 9, 10:25, 11:30, 12:15.
•**Deck the Halls** (PG) 11:25, 1:50, 4:35, 7:10, 9:30, 11:50.
•**The Departed** (R) 11:55, 3:10, 6:25, 9:45
•**Deja Vu** (PG-13) 10:30, 11:20, 1:30, 2:30, 4:40, 5:25, 7:40, 8:30, 10:50, 11:45.
•**Fast Food Nation** (R) 10:50, 1:40, 4:20, 7:20, 10.
•**Flushed Away** (PG) 11:40, 2:05, 4:15, 6:30, 8:45
•**For Your Consideration** (PG-13) 10:45, 1, 3:15, 5:35, 7:50, 10:10, 12:25
•**Happy Feet** (PG) 10:15, 11:10, 12, 12:50, 2, 2:50, 3:55, 4:50, 5:30, 6:40, 7:30, 9:15, 10:05.
•**The Queen** (PG-13) 11:50, 2:20, 5, 7:35, 10:15.
•**Saw III** (R) 8:05, 11
•**Tenacious D in: The Pick of Destiny** (R) 10:20, 12:40, 3, 5:15, 8:10, 10:40

California Theatre
2113 Kittredge St., Berkeley 510-464-5980
•**Babel** (R) 1:10, 4, 7, 9:45.
•**For Your Consideration** 1, 3:10, 5:15, 7:30, 9:35
•**Last King of Scotland** (R) 1:45, 4:20, 7:15, 9:50.

Chabot Cinema
2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 510-582-2555
•**Happy Feet** (PG) 11, 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:30.

Chabot Space & Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd. Oakland 510-336-7300
•**Cosmic Voyage** (Not Rated) 1:30
•**Forces of Nature** (Not Rated) 12
•**The Human Body** (Not Rated) 4
•**The Living Sea** (Not Rated) 7
•**Mysteries of Egypt** (Not Rated) 2:30, 8:15.

Elmwood 3
2966 College Ave., Berkeley 510-649-0530
•**Color of the Cross** (PG-13) 1, 5
•**Deck the Halls** (PG) 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:30
•**The Illusionist** (PG-13) 3:05, 7:05.
•**Jesus Camp** (PG-13) 1:15, 5:15, 9:15
•**Shortbus** (Not Rated) 3, 7, 9

Renaissance Grand Lake
3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-452-3556
•**Bobby** (R) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:25, 9:45
•**Casino Royale** (PG-13) 12:15, 3:30, 7, 10
•**Happy Feet** (PG) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
•**Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45.

Oaks Theatre
1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-1836
•**Flags of Our Fathers** (R) 4:15
•**Little Children** (R) 1:20, 4:30, 7:45
•**Marie Antoinette** (PG-13) 1:30, 7 30

Parkway Speakeasy Theater
1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400
•**Jesus Camp** (PG-13) 6:30.
•**Little Miss Sunshine** (R) 9:15
•**Running With Scissors** (R) 7
•**The Science of Sleep** (R) 9:45

Piedmont Theatre
4186 Piedmont Ave. Oakland 510-464-5980
•**Babel** (R) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:40.
•**For Your Consideration** (PG-13) 12, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:10.
•**The Queen** (PG-13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30

Regal Jack London
100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320
•**Borat** (R) 12, 2:30, 5:15, 7:50, 10:30
•**Casino Royale** (PG-13) 12:15, 3:40, 7, 10:15
•**Deck the Halls** (PG) 12, 2:20, 5, 7:30, 9:45
•**The Departed** (R) 11:30, 6:50
•**Deja Vu** (PG-13) 12:30, 4:20, 7:40, 10:40
•**The Fountain** 11:40, 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
•**Happy Feet** (PG) 11:20, 2, 4:40, 7:20, 10.
•**Let's Go to Prison** (R) 4:45, 2:40, 10
•**Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) 11:30, 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20
•**Tenacious D in: The Pick of Destiny** (R) 12:30, 2:45, 5:30, 8, 10:20

Shattuck Cinemas
2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-464-5980
•**Cave of the Yellow Dog** 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:25.
•**The Departed** (R) 3:10, 6:40, 9:40.
•**Deja Vu** (PG-13) 1:15, 4, 6:50, 9:45.
•**Fast Food Nation** (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:55
•**The Fountain** (PG-13) 12:35, 2:50, 5:05, 7:25, 9:50
•**Fur: Imaginary Portrait of Diane Arbus** (R) 9
•**Let's Go to Prison** (R) 9:20.
•**Little Miss Sunshine** (R) 1:30, 4:05, 6:30.
•**The Prestige** (PG-13) 1:10, 3:55, 6:45, 9:35.
•**Running With Scissors** (R) 1, 3:45, 6:35.
•**Shut Up and Sing** (R) 1:05, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10.
•**Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30.

United Artists Berkeley 7
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-486-1852
•**Borat** (R) 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 5:45, 7:20, 8, 9:30, 10:15, 11:45, 12:20.
•**Casino Royale** (PG-13) 10, 12, 1, 3:30, 4:15, 6:45, 7:30, 10, 10:45.
•**Flushed Away** (PG) 10:45, 12:50, 3, 5:10.
•**Happy Feet** (PG) 11, 11:45, 1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 5:15, 7, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30
•**Tenacious D in: The Pick of Destiny** (R) 10, 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45, 12:10.

United Artists Emery Bay
6330 Christie Ave, Emeryville 510-420-0107
•**Bobby** (R) 11:40, 2:20, 5, 7:45, 10:30.
•**Borat** (R) 11:45, 12:40, 2:10, 3, 4:15, 5:15, 7, 7:50, 9:30, 10:20.
•**The Fountain** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:10, 5:30, 8, 10:15.
•**Let's Go to Prison** (R) 12, 2:30, 4:40, 7:30, 9:40.
•**The Prestige** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:20, 7:20, 10:10.
•**The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause** (G) 11:50, 2:15, 4:45, 7, 9:20.
•**Shut Up and Sing** (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10.
•**Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) 11:30, 12:20, 2, 2:50, 4:30, 5:20, 7:15, 8, 9:50, 10:40.

Central Contra Costa

CineArts at Pleasant Hill
2314 Monument Blvd., Pleasant Hill 925-687-1100
•**Bobby** (R) 12:30, 3:30, 7:20, 9:55.
•**Fast Food Nation** (R) 11:45, 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50.
•**For Your Consideration** (PG-13) 11:30, 1:45, 4:20, 6:50, 9:15.
•**Little Children** (R) 12, 3, 6:30, 9:30.
•**The Queen** (PG-13) 11:20, 2, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35.

Renaissance Orinda Theatre
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060
•**Casino Royale** (PG-13) 12:15, 3:30, 7, 10.
•**For Your Consideration** (PG-13) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:35.
•**The Queen** (PG-13) 1, 4:30, 7:15, 9:25.

Rheem All Stadium 4
350 Park St, Moraga 925-988-3411
•**Borat** (R) 12:05, 5:05, 2:30, 7:30, 9:55
•**Deja Vu** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:20, 5, 7:40, 9:45
•**Happy Feet** (PG) 11:55, 2:35, 5:15, 7:45, 9:50
•**Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) 12, 2:25, 5:10, 7:35, 10.

West Contra Costa

Century 16 Hilltop
3200 Klose Way Richmond 510-758-2345
•**Bobby** (R) 11:35, 2:20, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25
•**Borat** (R) 12:35, 2:55, 5:15, 7:30, 9:55
•**Casino Royale** (PG-13) 11:40, 1:35, 2:45, 4:45, 5:55, 7:05, 8, 9:05, 10:15
•**Deck the Halls** (PG) 11:50, 2:15, 4:35, 6:55, 9:20
•**Deja Vu** (PG-13) 11:30, 1, 2:30, 4, 5:35, 7, 8:30, 10
•**Flushed Away** (PG) 12:05, 2:25, 4:55, 7:10, 9:35.
•**The Fountain** (PG-13) 11:55, 2:25, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50.
•**Happy Feet** (PG) 11:25, 12:20, 1:05, 2, 2:50, 3:40, 4:30, 5:20, 6:15, 7:50, 8:50, 10:20
•**Let's Go to Prison** (R) 12:25, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 9:45
•**The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause** (G) 11:45, 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40
•**Tenacious D in: The Pick of Destiny** (R) 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10

Cerrito Speakeasy Theatre
10070 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito 510-814-2400
•**Flags of Our Fathers** (R) 9
•**Little Miss Sunshine** (R) 7
•**Marie Antoinette** (PG-13) 6
•**The Science of Sleep** (R) 9:45.

San Francisco

AMC Loews Metreon 15
101 Fourth St, San Francisco 415-369-6201
•**Bobby** (R) 10:40, 1:50, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45
•**Deja Vu** (PG-13) 10:15, 11, 1:15, 2, 4:15, 5:05, 7:15, 8, 10:15, 11
•**Fast Food Nation** (R) 11:15, 2:15, 5, 7:50
•**Flushed Away** (PG) 11:05, 2:05, 4:35, 6:50, 9:05, 11:20
•**For Your Consideration** (PG-13) 10:25, 11:30, 12:45, 1:55, 3:05, 4:50, 5:30, 7:10, 8:05, 9:30, 10:35, 12.
•**Happy Feet** (PG) 11:10, 2:10, 4:15, 7:15, 11:10.
•**Happy Feet: The IMAX Experience** (PG) 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
•**Let's Go to Prison** (R) 11:25, 4:55, 10:50
•**Marie Antoinette** (PG-13) 10:35, 1:35, 4:40, 7:35, 10:35.
•**The Prestige** 11:45, 2:45, 5:50, 8:55, 11:55
•**Saw III** (R) 10:55
•**Shut Up and Sing** (R) 10:45, 1:45, 4:10, 7, 9:45, 12:15
•**Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) 11:20, 1:40, 2:30, 5:15, 7:40, 8:30, 11:05
•**Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas 3-D** (PG) 10:20, 12:50, 3:10, 5:45, 8:20, 10:25, 12:30

AMC Van Ness 14
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262
•**Babel** (R) 12:30, 4:05, 7:20, 10:35
•**Bobby** (R) 1:15, 4:20, 7:25, 10:15
•**Borat** (R) 10:30, 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7, 9:25, 11:30.
•**Casino Royale** (PG-13) 10:15, 1:20, 4:35, 7:55, 11:15
•**Deck the Halls** (PG) 11:20, 2, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30, 11:45.
•**The Departed** (R) 1:50, 8:05
•**Deja Vu** (PG-13) 10:25, 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10.
•**Fast Food Nation** (R) 1:05, 5:50, 10:45
•**For Your Consideration** (PG-13) 12, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:05
•**The Fountain** (PG-13) 11:50, 2:20, 5, 7:30, 9:50.
•**Happy Feet** (PG) 11, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10
•**Let's Go to Prison** (R) 10:40, 3:40, 8:30
•**The Prestige** (PG-13) 10:45, 5:05, 11:20
•**The Queen** (PG-13) 10:35, 1:10, 3:35, 5:55, 8:25, 10:55
•**Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) 11:15, 2:10, 4:55, 7:35, 10:20
•**Tenacious D in: The Pick of Destiny** (R) 10:20, 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 8, 10:30

Bridge Theatre
3010 Geary Blvd. San Francisco 415-267-4893
•**Babel** (R) 1, 4:30, 8.

Castro Theatre
429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120
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Centruy 9 San Francisco Centre
835 Market Street, San Francisco 415-538-3456
•**Babel** (R) 12:30, 3:55, 7:20, 10:40
•**Borat** (R) 11, 1:05, 3:15, 4:15, 5:35, 8, 10:10, 10:50.
•**Casino Royale** (PG-13) 11:10, 12:10, 1:20, 2:40, 5, 6:20, 7, 8:15, 10, 11:45.
•**Deck the Halls** (PG) 12, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40.
•**The Departed** (R) 12:40, 4:10, 7:40, 10:55.
•**Tenacious D in: The Pick of Destiny** (R) 11:20, 1:35, 4, 6:15, 8:40, 11
•**Volver** (R) 11:05, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:30

Clay Theatre
2261 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 415-267-4893
•**Volver** (R) 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:40

Embarcadero Center Cinemas
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-267-4893
•**The Bridge** (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:30
•**The Fountain** (PG-13) 12:20, 2:40, 5, 7:30, 10.
•**The History Boys** (R) 12, 1, 2:50, 4, 5:45, 7, 8:30, 9:50.
•**The Queen** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40.

Kabuki Cinema
1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415-922-4262
•**Bobby** (R) 11:10, 1:55, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55.
•**Borat** (R) 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45.
•**Casino Royale** (PG-13) 12:15, 3:45, 7, 10:05.
•**The Departed** (R) 1:15, 5, 8:15.
•**For Your Consideration** (PG-13) 11, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:35.
•**The Fountain** (PG-13) 11:05, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40.
•**The Queen** (PG-13) 11:30, 1:55, 4:40, 7:05, 9:20.
•**Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) 11:15, 1:50, 4:35, 7:25, 10.

Lumiere Theatre
1572 California St., San Francisco 415-777-3456
•**Cave of the Yellow Dog** (Not Rated) 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35.
•**Jonestown: The Life and Death of Peoples Temple** (Not Rated) 2:45, 5, 7:30, 9:45.
•**Shortbus** (Not Rated) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:25.

Opera Plaza Cinema
601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-267-4893
•**51 Birch Street** (Not Rated) 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40.
•**Copying Beethoven** (PG-13) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30.
•**Fur: An Imaginary Portrait of Diane Arbus** (R) 2:15, 5, 8.
•**The Science of Sleep** (R) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15.

Red Vic Movie House
1727 Haight, San Francisco 415-668-3994
•**A Scanner Darkly** (R) 7:15, 9:25.

Roxie Film Center
3117 16th At Valencia, San Francisco 415-863-1087
•**Black Gold** (Not Rated) 6:15, 8, 9:35.
•**The Departed** (R) 7, 9:45.

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innuendo.) 2 hours, 3 minutes. **B-**

"THE MARINE": WWE grappler John Cena takes on the role of action hero as John Triton, an ex-Marine who's been drummed out of the service because he acted single-handedly to save three fellow warriors from barbaric al-Qaida terrorists. Back in the States, just as he's starting a new life, John's wife is taken hostage by a vicious gang of diamond thieves. What follows is a long relentless pursuit with lots of hand-to-hand combat and big explosions. — D. Hiltbrand. (PG-13: profanity, violence.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **C**

"OPEN SEASON": Funny characters voiced by funny actors do the silliest things in this table-turning farce from the director of "The Lion King." "Open Season" is a riotously rude romp through that elemental animal dilemma — how to survive hunting season. This very basic apimal concern meets up with the old "fish out of water" formula. Boog, a coddled grizzly (Martin Lawrence), and his deer friend Elliot (Ashton Kutcher) have no wilderness skills but must rally the animal kingdom for the coming war with hunters. — R. Moore. (PG: some rude humor, mild action and brief language.) 1 hour, 29 minutes. **B+**

"THE PRESTIGE": Hugh Jackman and Christian Bale star in this period tale of a blood feud between two rival magicians. The plot involves a rivalry gone overboard, following ruthless attempts by former comrades to upstage, discredit and even maim each other. The two men once were up-and-comers together in an act overseen by their mentor (Michael Caine). Tragedy sets the two magicians on a fury of escalating vengeance. — D. Germain. (PG-13: violence and disturbing images.) 2 hours, 10 minutes. **C**

"THE QUEEN": Director Stephen Frears' frisky and provocative imagining of palace life in the week after Princess Diana died. This is tabloid voyeurism "Masterpiece Theatre"-style, naughty, funny and surprisingly touching. Helen Mirren is Oscar-worthy as Queen Elizabeth, and Michael Sheen does a fabulous Tony Blair. But the movie's greatest strength might be what it ultimately reveals about us and our desire to go backstage in the lives of the rich and famous. — M. Pols. (PG-13: brief strong language.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. **A-**

"THE RETURN": Spooky things start to happen to a young woman (Sarah Michelle Gellar) who returns home to Texas. "The Return" is one of those horror movies that relies on unseen terror, and "technical" gotchas. It's a simple ghost story, that is, for all its faults, elegantly told and compellingly acted. — R. Moore. (PG-13: violence, terror and disturbing images.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. **C+**

"RUNNING WITH SCISSORS": Based on Augusten Burroughs' best-selling memoir about his adolescence. Annette Bening is his unstable mother, Brian Cox her unethical and seemingly deranged shrink, who adopts Augusten (the bland Joseph Cross) when his mother gives him up. Director Ryan Murphy tries to defuse Augusten's tragic family life with black comedy, but his chemistry is all wrong; the film is neither moving, nor funny. It's just irritatingly zany. Bening is deliciously unhinged, but it's Jill Clayburgh, in a smaller role, who touches us. — M. Pols. (R: strong language and elements of sexuality, violence and drug use.) 1 hour, 56 minutes. **C**

"THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE": While juggling family responsibilities, Santa (Tim Allen) tries to stop ambitious Jack Frost (Martin Short) from taking over Christmas. Despite the reliable cast, good production values and the success of the two prior "Clauses," this sequel is simply a big lump of holiday coal. — R. Moore. (G) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **D**

"SAW III": In the excruciating final installment, Jigsaw, the murderous judge and executioner, is on his last legs. He and his sidekick seize a doctor and her husband and put the husband through a murderous series of tests of compassion. He must show growth, as a man, in every step, or his wife dies. — R. Moore. (R: strong grisly violence and gore, sequences of terror and torture, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. **C**

"THE SCIENCE OF SLEEP": An aggravating, semi-biographical film from writer/director Michel Gondry. A young man (Gael Garcia Bernal) returns to his childhood home in Paris, takes a lousy job at a calendar company and develops crushes on a couple of girls, including the one (Charlotte Gainsbourg) who lives in the apartment across the hall from him.

But mostly, he dreams, and while some of the surreal touches from his dreams are fun to look at, ultimately the movie lacks an emotional entry point. — M. Pols. (R: language, some sexual content and nudity.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. **C-**

"SHORTBUS": Sex is easy in the world of John Cameron Mitchell's "Shortbus," where the deed is as explicit as many hard-core porn flicks. It's the emotional connection that is tough to come by. The film is not pornography, though some may call it porn with a better narrative disguise. The characters are genuine and likable, and despite their lusty alternative lifestyles, their problems and perplexities are familiar. — D. Germain. (NR: scenes of explicit sex.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. **B+**

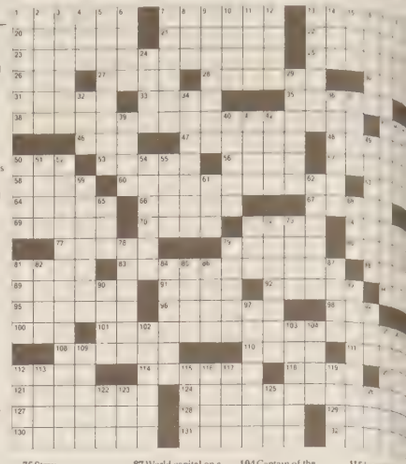
"SHUT UP & SING": This mostly interesting and entertaining documentary centers around the 2003 incident in which Natalie Maines criticized President Bush during a show in London. The film documents the public relations nightmares that follow. The film's biggest flaw is its one-sided look at the situation. — J. Harrington. (R: language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **B**

"STRANGER THAN FICTION": An IRS auditor (Will Ferrell) starts hearing a voice in his head, a British woman (Emma Thompson) who seems to be narrating his life. He's got to find her, because she's planning on killing him. Director Marc Forster and screenwriter Zach Helm will be accused of imitating Charlie Kaufman, and certainly there's a similarity to these meta-fictions, but this comedy is more a gentle tease than a mind twister. Thompson is as sharp and smart as ever, while Ferrell plays the straight man with aplomb. Dustin Hoffman and Maggie Gyllenhaal are both delightful in supporting roles. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some disturbing images, sexuality, brief language and nudity.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. **A-**

"UNKNOWN": Five men with erased memories find themselves in a gloomy warehouse. As they try to figure out who they are and what they're doing there, each is suspicious of the other four. From a story in a newspaper left lying around, they learn that two of them are developers who have been kidnapped. But which two? Clues are doled out mostly through flashbacks — J. Mathews. (NR: violence, language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **C**

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■ **Julia Morgan Center For The Arts** — "QUATRO: Hip-Hop Showcase," Dec. 1. Culture Shock dancers perform their "Fourth Annual Hip-Hop Workshop Showcase." Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 7:30 p.m. $12-$18. 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-8542, www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Shattuck Down Low** — "Live Salsa," Ongoing. An evening of dancing to the music of a live salsa band. The night opens with beginning lessons at 8 p.m. and intermediate lessons at 8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. $5-$10. For ages 21 and older. 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-548-1159, www.shattuckdownlow.com.

■ **Starry Plough Pub** — "Ceili and Dance," Ongoing. Traditional Irish music and dance. The evening begins with dance lesson at 7 p.m. followed by music at 9 p.m. Mondays, 7 p.m. Free. For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082, www.starry-ploughpub.com.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

■ **Cal Performances** — All performances in Zellerbach Hall unless otherwise noted. The Takacs Quartet, Dec. 3, 3 p.m. An all-Beethoven program. At Hertz Hall. Musicologist John Palmer will offer a "Sightlines" pre-performance talk at 2 p.m. $42. Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Bancroft Way at Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. 510-642-9988, www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

■ **First Congregational Church Of Berkeley** — The Tallis Quartet, Dec. 1, 8 p.m. The program will include works of Tallis, Tye, de Monte, Palestrina and Taverner. Director Peter Phillips presents a "Sightlines" pre-concert talk at 7 p.m. Presenting Cal Performances. $46. Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra Presents "A Baroque Christmas," Dec. 2 and Dec. 3. Nicholas McGegan conducting. The program features Bach's "Christmas Oratorio." Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 p.m. $29-$67. 415- 392-4400, www.philharmonia.org. 2945 Dwight Way, Berkeley.

■ **Hertz Hall At The University Of California, Berkeley** — "The Sounds of Silence," Annual Noon Concert Series, through Dec. 6, 12:15-1 p.m. Music Department ensembles present traditional and contemporary music. Ingamelan orchestra directed by

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■ **Albatross Pub** — Whiskey Brothers, Ongoing. Old-time and bluegrass. First and third Wednesdays of every month. Free. Ben Addams Jazz Group 9-12, Dec. 2. $3. Shows begin Wednesday, 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1822 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-2473, www.albatrosspub.com.

■ **Ashkenaz** — Stompy Jones, Nov. 24, 9:30 p.m. 8 p.m.: Swing dance lesson. West African Highlife Band, Nov. 25, 9:30 p.m. 9 p.m.: African dance lesson. Asheba, Nov. 26, 3-4:30 p.m. $4-$6. CZ and the Bon Vivants, Nov. 28, 8:30 p.m. 8 p.m.: Dance lesson with Diana Castillo. $6. Rhythm Bound, Albany High School Jazz Band, Dec. 1, 8 p.m. $15. "Anoush's Last Farewell Dance with Brass Menazheri," Dec. 2, 9 p.m. 8 p.m.: Balkan dance lesson. $11-$13. "Artists 4 Solutions," Dec. 3, 7-10 p.m. Featuring Boots Riley, Ise Lyfe, Ras Mo, Trinidad and others. $7-$10. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-525-5054, www.ashkenaz.com.

■ **Beckett's Irish Pub** — Rock & Roll with Nicole, Ongoing. Saturday evenings. All your favorites from the 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s. David Stein Hubbub, Nov. 24. Free. Shows at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-647-1790, www.beckettsirishpub.com.

■ **Berkeley Community Theatre** — Primus, Dec. 2, 8 p.m. $38.50. 1930 Allston Way, Berkeley.

■ **Downtown Restaurant** — Ellen Honart Trio, Nov. 24. Eddie Marshall Trio, Nov. 25. Free unless otherwise noted. Tuesday through Thursday, 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-649-3810, www.downtownrestaurant.com.

■ **Freight And Salvage** — Shana Morrison, Nov. 24. $18.50-$19.50. Laurie Lewis and Tom Rozum, Nov. 25. $18.50-$19.50. Bluehouse, Nov. 26. $17.50-$18.50. Tom Russell, Nov. 30. $20-$21.50. Patrick Landeza, Dec. 1. $18.50-$19.50. Fishtank Ensemble, Dec. 2. $18.50-$19.50. Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-548-1761, www.freightandsalvage.org.

■ **Kimball's Carnival** — "Monday Blues Legends Night," Ongoing. 8 p.m.-midnight. Enjoy live blues music every Monday night. Presented by the Bay Area Blues Society and Lothario Lotho Company. $5 donation. 510-836-2227, www.bayareabluessociety.net. 522 2nd St., Jack London Square, Oakland.

■ **La Pena Cultural Center** — Carne Cruda, Dec. 1, 9 p.m. $5-$7. Parranda Navidena, Dec. 2, 8 p.m. $13-$15. Cafe Rumba, Dec. 3, 3:30 p.m. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568, www.lapena.org.

■ **Oakland Arena** — Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m. The 30-member rock ensemble performs classic songs of the holidays. $35-$53.50. Hegenberger Road and Interstate 880, Oakland. 510-762-2277, 925-762-2277, 415-478-2277, www.theoaklandarena.com.

■ **Paramount Theatre** — Lionel Richie, Nov. 25, 8 p.m. $39-$67.75. Anita Baker, Dec. 3. $39.75-$89.75. 2025 Broadway, Oakland. 510-465-6400, 415-421-8497, www.paramounttheatre.com or www.ticketmaster.com.

■ **Shattuck Down Low** — "Live Salsa," Ongoing. An evening of dancing to the music of a live salsa band. The night opens with beginning lessons at 8 p.m. and intermediate lessons at 8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. $5-$10. Sotaque Baiano, Dec. 2, 9 p.m. $5-$10. For ages 21 and older. 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510- 548-1159, www.shattuckdownlow.com.

■ **Starry Plough Pub** — The Starry Irish Music Session led by Shay Black, Ongoing. Sundays, 8 p.m. Sliding scale. For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082, www.starryploughpub.com.

■ **Yoshi's** — Tuck and Patti, Nov. 24 through Nov. 26. $22-$26. Taj Mahal Trio, Nov. 28 through Dec. 3. $16-$22. Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 7 and 9 p.m., unless otherwise noted. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. 510-238-9200, www.yoshis.com.

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■ **Altarena Playhouse** — "The Man Who Saved Christmas," by Ron Lytle, Dec. 1 through Dec. 17. A world premiere. This family musical is loosely based on the true story of toy manufacturer A.C. Gilbert and his battle with Washington D.C. policymakers who instituted a ban on toy sales during the holiday season when America was engaged in World War I. Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. $15-$18. 1409 High St., Alameda. 510-523-1553, www.altarena.org.

■ **Aurora Theatre Company** — "Ice Glen," by Joan Ackermann, through Dec. 10. A West Coast premiere. Set in a countryside mansion in Lenox, the play traces a love triangle between the mansion's proprietress Dulce Bainbridge, "Atlantic Monthly" editor Peter Woodburn, and the estate's reclusive poet/gardener Sarah. Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m. $38-$50. Aurora Theatre, 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-843-4822, www.auroratheatre.org.

■ **Berkeley Repertory Theatre** — "Berkeley Rep's Monthly Theatre Classes," through June 3, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The monthly theatre workshop family series will focus on a variety of skills, from storytelling to circus acts. Sept. 9, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 4, April 1, May 6 and June 3. Free. "Passing Strange," by Stew, Heidi Rodewald, through Dec. 3. A world premiere. The heartfelt and humorous story of a young black bohemian and his search for "the real" through sex, drugs and rock and roll. Postplay discussions will follow 8 p.m. performances on Nov. 9, Nov. 21 and Nov. 24. Docent presentations about the show will be held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Tuesday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Thursday and Saturday, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m. NO PERFORMANCE Nov. 23. No matinee performances Oct. 26, Nov. 4, Nov. 9, Nov. 18 and Nov. 23. $33-$61. 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-647-2949, 888-4BR-Ttix, www.berkeleyrep.org.

■ **Cal Performances** — All performances in Zellerbach Hall unless otherwise noted. Golden Dragon Acrobats, Nov. 24 through Nov. 26. China's acclaimed acrobatic troupe performs breathtaking acts such as plate-spinning, bicycle pagoda, umbrella juggling and much more. The performance combines these acrobatic feats with theatrical techniques and traditional Chinese dance. Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. $22-$42. Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Bancroft Way at Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. 510-642-9988, www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

■ **Egypt Theatre Arts Center** — "Don't Dress for Dinner," through Nov. 25. The married Bernard attempts to sneak off with his model girlfriend and a hired chef for a weekend getaway. He even brings his best friend Robert to provide an alibi. All seems well for Bernard until the cook is mistaken for the mistress and the mistress can't cook. Not to mention Bernard's wife is carrying on her own affair with Robert. Friday-Saturday, 6 p.m. dinner and 8 p.m. show; Sunday, 5 p.m. dinner and 7 p.m. show. $15 show only; $25 dinner and show. 5300 Foothill Blvd., Oakland.

■ **Impact Theatre** — "Jukebox Stories," by Prince Gomolvilas and Brandon Patton, through Dec. 13. The performance features stories by Gomolvilas and songs by Patton covering a range of subjects, from Hooters girls and outlaw family members to evil love spells and sacred cows. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m. $10-$15. La Val's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid St., Berkeley. 510- 464-4468, www.impacttheatre.com.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARY K. WALKER aka MARY KATHRYN WALKER
CASE NUMBER: P06-01579

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARY K. WALKER aka MARY KATHRYN WALKER

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARY VALENCIA TOLLIVER in the Superior Court of California, County of CONTRA COSTA

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARY VALENCIA TOLLIVER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicil are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 1/9/07 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 61, located at 725 Court St., Martinez, CA 94553.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney For Petitioner:
Thomas V. Roland
P.O Box 12217, Berkeley, CA 94712-3217
Office: 1830 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94703-1508
510-841-1500

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JAMES WEBB
CASE NUMBER: RP06235904

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: JAMES WEBB

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CARLVIN JUSTICE in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CARLVIN JUSTICE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 12/13/06 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept. 23, located at 1221 Oak St., Oakland, CA 94612.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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Petitioner:
Carlvin Justice
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This business is conducted by: a general partnership
/s/ Almir Durmisevic
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 10/19/06.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: 1) BEN & JERRY'S 2) BERKELEY BEN & JERRY'S located at 2130 Oxford Street In Berkeley, CA 94704 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
BAY AREA CREAMERY, LLC
1401 RIFLE RANGE RD
EL CERRITO, CA 94530
This business is conducted by: limited liability company
/s/ Parisa Samimi, Manager
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Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.
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This business is conducted by: a general partnership
/s/ Mohinder Kumar
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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This business is conducted by: limited liability company
/s/ Rich Stachowski, member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 10/24/06.
Expires October 24, 2011
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This business is conducted by: limited liability company
/s/ Shahrzad Khorsandi, managing member
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: 1ST CHOICE MOBILE NOTARY SERVICES located at One Camino Sobrante #215 in Orinda, CA 94563 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
CAROL JENNINGS
4117 EAGLERIDGE DR.
ANTIOCH, CA 94509
This business is conducted by: an Individual
/s/ Carol Jennings
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By B. Basch, Deputy
File NO. 2006-9078
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: FIRST CALIFORNIA REAL ESTATE located at 383 Diablo Road #100 in Danville, CA 94526 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
FIRST CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISES, INC.
383 DIABLO ROAD #100
DANVILLE, CA 94526
This business is conducted by: a corporation
/s/ John T. DeMalo, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
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FILE NO. 2006-8774
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: CERRITO REALTY & MORTGAGE located at 11364A San Pablo Ave. In El Cerrito, CA 94530 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
S U R E N K H O R L O O NAYANTAI
5017 SWEETWOOD DR.
RICHMOND, CA 94803
This business is conducted by: an Individual
/s/ Surenkhorloo Nayantai
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on NA.
Expires October 27, 2011
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STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By P. Cornelius, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-9216
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: L. A. WILLIAMS GUTTERS & SHEETMETAL located at 500 Baira Dr. In El Cerrito, CA 94530 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
LESLIE WILLIAMS
500 BALRA DR.
EL CERRITO, CA 94530
This business is conducted by: an Individual
/s/ Leslie Williams
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Business commenced on N/A.
Expires November 14, 2011
Legal EC-J 2559
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FILED November 13 , 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By J. McKillop, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-9177
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: C J HOMES & LOANS located at One Camino Sobrante #215 in Orinda, CA 94563 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
CAROL JENNINGS
4117 EAGLERIDGE DR.
ANTIOCH, CA 94509
This business is conducted by: an Individual
/s/ Carol Jennings
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 11/13/06.
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STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By J. McKillop, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-9081
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: MCFARLAND ENTERPRISES located at 2080 23rd St. (P.O. Box 6478) In San Pablo, CA 94806 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
ANNETTE Y. MCFARLAND
842 32ND ST
RICHMOND, CA 94804
This business is conducted by: an Individual
/s/ Annette McFarland

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 11/8/06.
Expires November 15, 2011
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STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By G.M Planks, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-8836
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: WHOLESOME DELIGHTS located at 4505 McGlothen Way In Richmond, CA 94806 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
VERONICA BUSHNELL
4505 MCGLOTHEN WAY
RICHMOND, CA 94806
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Veronica Bushnell
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 8/24/06
Expires October 30, 2011
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FILED November 2 , 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By T. M Dukes, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-9950
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: THE HOUSE ORGANIZER located at 8150 Terrace Dr. (P.O. Box 2016) In El Cerrito, CA 94530 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
CAROL KATZ
8250 TERRACE DR
EL CERRITO, CA 94530
This business is conducted by: an Individual
/s/ Carol Katz
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on N/A.
Expires November 2, 2011
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STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By T. M. Dukes, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-8940
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: NEUFELD CONSTRUCTION located at 479 Mount St. In Richmond, CA 94805 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
MARTIN NEUFELD
479 MOUNT ST.
RICHMOND, CA 94805
This business is conducted by: an Individual
/s/ Martin Neufeld
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on N/A
Expires November 2, 2011
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FILED October 23 , 2006
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By G. M. Planks, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-8628
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: THE INDEPENDENT THERAPISTS NETWORK located at 1 Peralta Court In Moraga, CA 94556 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
MONIQUE EURICH
1 PERALTA COURT
MORAGA, CA 94556
This business is conducted by: an Individual
/s/ Monique Eurich

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
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Expires October 23, 2011
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STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By J. Odegaard, Deputy
FILE NO. 2006-8358
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: INTERIOR BALANCE located at 4545 Canyon Road In El Sobrante, CA 94803 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
RENI ANIELA
4545 CANYON ROAD
EL SOBRANTE, CA 94803
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Reni Aniela
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
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Expires October 12, 2011
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PATRICK O'CONNELL,
County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By ···, Deputy
FILE NO. 387485
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: FAIRPATH located at 1609 Stuart St. In Berkeley, CA 94703 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
QUINN DAVID WEAVER
1609 STUART ST.
BERKELEY, CA 94703
This business is conducted by: an Individual
/s/ Quinn D. Weaver
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 5/1/05
Expires November 1, 2011
Legal BV 2052
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Legal Notice

SUMMONS

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: GREGORY DARNELL MEADOWS, JR. and Does 1 to 10,inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: PHILLIP ERKENBRACH, Indiv. and dba Hassle Free Small Claims and Collections

CASE NUMBER: 105CV054228

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons is served on you to file a typewritten response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. your typewritten response must be in proper legal form If you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

The name and address of the court is: Superior Court, County of Santa Clara, 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA 95113

The name, address, and Telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:
Phillip ErkenBrack, Indiv. and dba Hassle Free Small Claims and Collections; 14125 Capri Dr., #4A, Los Gatos, CA 95032 Phone No. 408-379-4700 Fax No. 408-379-0990

DATE: 1/13/06
Clerk by,
/s/ J. DeHerrera, Deputy

Legal EC-J 2549
Publish November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 2006

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In accordance with the provisions of Business and Professions Code Section 21700 there being unpaid charges for the rental of mini-storage of AAAAA Rent-A-Space, Berkeley I & II, 600 and 601 Cedar St., Berkeley, CA. notices are hereby given that the property stored therein will be sold December 07, 2006 starting at 10:00 A.M. at AAAAA Rent-A-Space, Berkeley I & II, 600 and 601 Cedar Street, Berkeley, CA. Any sum over and above cost of storage, advertising, and expenses of this sale will be refunded when AAAAA Rent-A-Space is contacted by the owner (s) of the storaged property, otherwise, the monies will be held by AAAAA Rent-A-Space for one year then turned over to the treasurer of Alameda County.

The following is a brief description of the property to be sold: clothes, chairs, lamps, tables, mattresses, cartons, appliances, desks, general office equipment and other effects of the general household and small business stored by or for the following parties.

1) John Coakley 0096
2) Hunaliyun Abbas 0312
3) Curtis W. Sims 0390
4) Wanda Coleman 0726
5) Silvia Jefferson Q012
6) James Keith M117

Legal BV 2055
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of the City of El Cerrito will be holding a Public Hearing to consider a garbage rate increase requested by East Bay Sanitary Co., at its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30 p.m. on December 18, 2006 at the city council chambers, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito.

Legal EC-J 2556
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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. 06-26708-CA Title Order No. 3048807 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/05/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12/07/2006 at 10:00 a.m., PREMIER TRUST DEED SERVICES, INC., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by BENIDICTA C. ARREOLA A MARRIED WONAM AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY and recorded 12/16/2005, as Instrument No. 2005-0483051-00, of Official Records of Contra Costa County, California; WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state) At the Court Street Entrance to the County Courthouse, 725 Court Street (corner of Main and Court Street), Martinez, CA all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above-referenced Deed of Trust. Assessor's Parcel No. 513-062-014-8 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3816 WALLER AVE.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BERKELEY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2134 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY

REVISIONS TO 2005-2009 WEST BERKELEY REDEVELOPMENT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2006 AT 6:00 P.M.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The Berkeley Redevelopment Agency will conduct a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the 2005-2009 Five Year Implementation Plan for the Berkeley Redevelopment Project Area. The proposed West Berkeley Circulation Master Plan seeks to address circulation improvements, and development of the 1631 Fifth Street. The proposed Five Year Implementation Plan includes funding for the circulation improvement project, eliminates streetscape improvements on 5th, Virginia, and Cedar Streets, and changes designations for Sawyer Park, Ohlone Park, Gilman Interchange and Cedar-Rose Park in the Master Plan.

FURTHER INFORMATION:
The proposed amendment to the Implementation Plan is available for review at the Redevelopment Agency and the Planning Department at 2120 Milvia Street. The document is available at http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/redevelopment/. For more information or to request a copy of the document contact Amber Evans, Senior Planner, Berkeley Redevelopment Agency, Planning and Development, 981-7418, AEvans@ci.berkeley.ca.us.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Anyone wishing to speak at the public hearing may receive a speaker card from the Agency Clerk. Members of the Redevelopment Agency meet regularly to assure of the public hearing.

Written comments should be mailed or delivered to the Agency Clerk, 2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704, in order to ensure delivery to all Agency members and inclusion in the agenda packet. Comments received no later than Monday, November 27, 2006 will be included in Redevelopment Agency agenda packets. Comments received thereafter will be summarized for Council as supplemental communications at the meeting. For further information, call Sherry M. Kelly, City Clerk, 981-6900. FAX: (510) 981-6901. TDD: (510) 981-6903.

Sherry M. Kelly, City Clerk

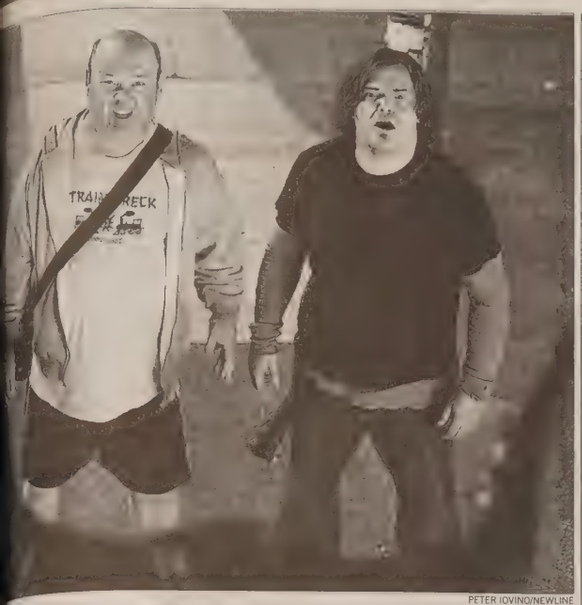
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PETER IOVINO/NEWLINE

ALL EVIDENCE to the contrary, Kyle Gass and Jack Black truly believe theirs is the greatest band on Earth in "Tenacious D: The Pick of Destiny."

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Jim Harrington
CNEWS STAFF

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'TENACIOUS D: THE PICK OF DESTINY'

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Starring: Jack Black, Kyle Gass

Rated: R (language, sexual content and drug use)

Opens today: Bay Area theaters

Running time: 1 hour, 40 minutes

See the trailer at

band on Earth.

Not surprisingly, the tires start to wobble noticeably on this vehicle about halfway through the film, as the two stars run out of new ways to tell the same joke.

The film peaks early on — very early on — with a hysterical opening scene set in JB's childhood home. Young JB (played by Troy Gentile) wants to be a rock star, but his father (portrayed with gusto by actual rock star Meat Loaf) won't let him. A musical argument ensues before Ronnie James Dio intercedes and persuades the youngster to make like a "Bat Out of Hell" and run away to Hollywood to find "The Rock."

Gentile was the natural choice to play a young Jack Black, given that he had already mastered the star's facial expressions and body language for his role in "Nacho Libre." This time around, his performance is so astonishingly convincing that it's a bit of a letdown when the actual Black takes over.

In pursuit of "The Rock," JB runs across an unsuccessful street musician (KG) performing on Venice Beach. The locals, at least those with sound musical judgment, walk right on by KG. Not JB, however, who quickly comes to the conclusion that Gass is a genius guitarist.

After much convincing, Gass finally agrees to take JB under his wing and teach him to be a rock star. This segment produces some really good laughs, as Gass runs his ever-eager protege through some very unorthodox training methods, including a variation on the push-up that one won't see at the local gym.

Up to this point, the film manages to work because it keeps things fairly simple. It's all bathroom humor and updated Cheech and Chong jokes, delivered by two guys who really don't need anything else.

Once they start a band, the focus of the film changes and viewers suffer for it. JB and KG learn of the pick from a guy at a guitar store (yet another inspired cameo performance by Ben Stiller), who relays the legend of how this pick has helped the likes of Eddie Van Halen and AC/DC's Angus Young. Of course, the D needs that pick to fulfill its destiny and become the world's greatest rock band.

From there, things really start to get silly as the boys hatch an elaborate plan to steal the pick from the highly guarded Rock 'n' Roll History Museum. Then, of course, they must do battle with Satan, who wants the pick for himself. Throw in the obligatory car chase, straight out of the Blues Brothers' briefcase, and you've got a real big mess.

Still, a ludicrous plot doesn't necessarily mean curtains for "Pick." It just means that those curtains will probably someday only rise late at night. In all, JB and KG have created a film that seems destined for the midnight movie circuit.

Write music critic Jim Harrington at jharrington@ang newspapers.com.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BEST SELLERS

Compiled from sales at 45 independent bookstores in Northern California.

Fiction

1. **"Ines of My Soul,"** by Isabel Allende. (HarperCollins, $25.95.)
2. **"The Road,"** by Cormac McCarthy. (Knopf, $24.)
3. **"Wild Fire,"** by Nelson DeMille. (Warner, $26.99.)
4. **"Echo Park,"** by Michael Connelly. (Little, Brown, $26.99.)
5. **"What Came Before He Shot Her,"** by Elizabeth George. (HarperCollins, $26.95.)
6. **"For One More Day,"** by Mitch Albom. (Hyperion, $21.95.)
7. **"The Lay of the Land,"** by Richard Ford. (Knopf, $26.95.)
8. **"What Is the What,"** by Dave Eggers. (McSweeney's, $26.)
9. **"Thirteen Moons,"** by Charles Frazier. (Random House, $26.95.)
10. **"Hundred-Dollar Baby,"** by Robert B. Parker. (Putnam, $24.95.)

Nonfiction

1. **"The Audacity of Hope,"** by Barack Obama. (Crown, $25.)
2. **"I Feel Bad About My Neck,"** by Nora Ephron. (Knopf, $19.95.)
3. **"You: On a Diet,"** by Michael F. Roizen and Mehmet C. Oz. (Free Press, $25.)
4. **"The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid,"** by Bill Bryson. (Broadway, $25.)
5. **"State of Denial,"** by Bob Woodward. (Simon & Schuster, $30.)
6. **"I Like You,"** by Amy Sedaris. (Warner, $27.99.)
7. **"Thunderstruck,"** by Erik Larson. (Crown, $25.95.)
8. **"The Omnivore's Dilemma,"** by Michael Pollan. (Penguin Press, $26.95.)
9. **"French Women for All Seasons,"** by Mireille Guiliano. (Knopf, $24.95.)
10. **"The Innocent Man,"** by John Grisham. (Doubleday, $28.95.)

Trade paperback fiction

1. **"The Memory Keeper's Daughter,"** by Kim Edwards. (Penguin, $14.)
2. **"The Inheritance of Loss,"** by Kiran Desai. (Grove, $14.)
3. **"Saving Fish From Drowning,"** by Amy Tan. (Ballantine, $14.95.)
4. **"The History of Love,"** by Nicole Krauss. (Norton, $13.95.)
5. **"The Lighthouse,"** by P.D. James. (Vintage, $13.95.)
6. **"On Beauty,"** by Zadie Smith. (Penguin, $15.)
7. **"Snow,"** by Orhan Pamuk. (Vintage, $14.95.)
8. **"The Hummingbird's Daughter,"** by Luis Alberto Urrea. (Back Bay, $15.99.)
9. **"The Kite Runner,"** by Khaled Hosseini. (Riverhead, $14.)
10. **"Case Histories,"** by Kate Atkinson. (Back Bay, $13.95.)

Trade paperback nonfiction

1. **"Running With Scissors,"** by Augusten Burroughs. (Picador, $14.)
2. **"Dreams From My Father,"** by Barack Obama. (Three Rivers, $14.95.)
3. **"The Glass Castle,"** by Jeannette Walls. (Scribner, $14.)
4. **"1491,"** by Charles C. Mann. (Vintage, $14.95.)
5. **"The End of Faith,"** by Sam Harris. (Norton, $13.95.)
6. **"The City of Falling Angels,"** by John Berendt. (Penguin, $15.)
7. **"Michelin Guide: San Francisco Bay Area & Wine Country 2007,"** by the Michelin Travel editors. (Michelin Travel, $16.95.)
8. **"Istanbul,"** by Orhan Pamuk. (Vintage, $14.95.)
9. **"Born to Kvetch,"** by Michael Wex (Harper Perennial, $13.95.)
10. **"Zagat 2007 San Francisco Bay Area Restaurants,"** by the editors of Zagat Survey. (Zagat, $13.95.)

Mass market paperback

1. **"Predator,"** by Patricia Cornwell. (Berkley, $9.99.)
2. **"Anansi Boys,"** by Neil Gaiman. (HarperTorch, $7.99.)
3. **"Ordinary Heroes,"** by Scott Turow. (Warner, $7.99.)
4. **"Death and Judgment,"** by Donna Leon. (Penguin, $7.99.)
5. **"Mary, Mary,"** by James Patterson. (Warner, $9.99.)

— Northern California Independent Booksellers Association

Lakeshore

FROM PAGE 8

But here's the piece de resistance — the entire wall to the right was dark mahogany and engraved with some of the most wonderfully cerebral quotes of our time.

My favorite: "I resolve daily that at dusk I shall repent for a night with a cup full of wine spent."

Anyone who slaps my boy Omar Khayyam next to David Sedaris and Bael Shem Tov ("It's easy to be a holy man on top of a mountain") is the bomb in my book.

Perusing the wall was even cooler with the DJ playing trance-y sitar music. All I needed was some absinthe and a Persian carpet and …

OK. I'll stop romanticizing and talk about the drinks. I'm currently obsessed with Bul, a Caribbean concoction of cheap beer, lime, sugar and ginger, so I asked the boys behind the bar to make me some.

They complied, and it was an admirable effort. Julie got the Summer's Ginger Mojito, with Reed's Ginger Brew, fresh mint, lime juice, sugar and Gosling's Black Seal Bermuda rum. Yeah, guess we had the same palate that night.

When we finally peeled ourselves away from The Wall, I noticed the cozy leather sofas (three in all).

Unlike at Kitty's, where the bartenders don't come to the tables, these guys did. Granted, it was Sunday and a bit slow. I've heard it gets packed on Fridays and Saturdays, so it'd be interesting to see if that courtesy changes.

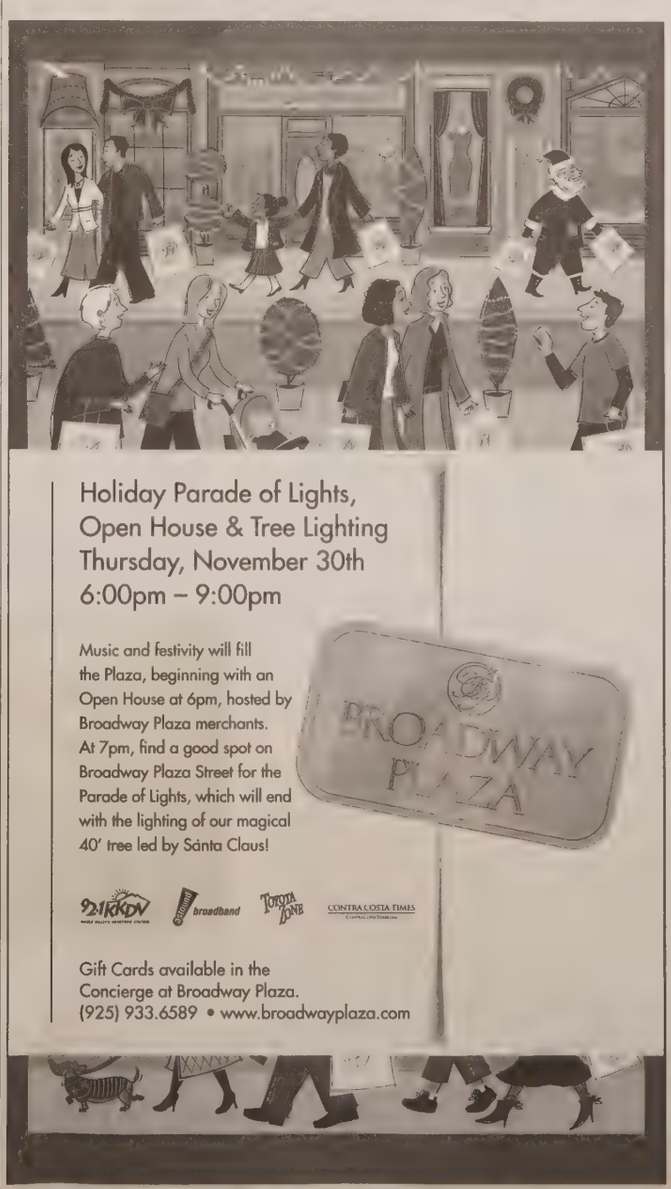
Wednesdays are '80s night. And since the '80s don't plan to die within my lifetime, that night is hoppin', too.

The Easy Lounge is easy in that way Mark Lanegan music is, dark and consuming; in that way Sedaris is, as it is written: "Seven beers followed by two scotches and a thimble of marijuana and it's funny how sleep comes all on its own."

Night Writer Jessica Yadegaran profiles bars, clubs and similar hangouts in the Bay Area every other week in Friday TimeOut. Send comments or suggestions to jyadegaran@cctimes.com.

EASY LOUNGE

- **WHERE:** 3255 Lakeshore Ave., Oakland.
- **HOURS:** 4:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays-Sundays.
- **CONTACT:** 510-277-0475.
- **PARKING:** Try your metered luck along Lakeshore.
- **COVER:** Nope.
- **ATMOSPHERE:** Salvador Dali meets warehouse party.
- **CROWD:** Typical Oakland bar crowd — diverse and dorky with a bit of kink.
- **BARBIES:** Kinky ones.
- **NASTOIDS:** Nope.
- **GIN & TONIC RATING:** 4 (out of 5).
- **HAPPY HOURS:** 4:30 to 7 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; 2:30 to 5 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays. $1 off draft beers and cocktails for around $5.





BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE

TONY TACCONE is at the helm of the latest zany Teatro ZinZanni dinner show that opened last week.

AGE 8

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owners of the tent, who are unable to decide if they want to be married or divorced — for the fifth or sixth time.

Typically, Taccone says, with the chef as a solo role, there is plenty of room for improvisation. Somewhat more strict scripting is necessary, and additional rehearsal, to deal with cues and dialogue between the two performers.

"So sometimes when you try to change stuff, it can be traumatic," he says. "The script was written but was also developed as we rehearsed the show, and doing a scripted show was a really different exercise for them — exciting and scary at the same time. Kevin and Christine are fun to work with and really know what they are doing."

Also impressive to Taccone is the intimacy of the performance — the center of the tent is no more than a few feet from the closest of the diners, and since the show is staged all around the space, someone in the audience is always less than an arm's length away from the performers.

Those who perform in the show are typically artists who play on European vaudeville or circus circuits, or perform with the new-style circuses in the United States. ZinZanni has gotten a good reputation with these performers because it gives them an opportunity to take part in the entire show, rather than simply do their act and wait backstage for the curtain call.

"I think Teatro ZinZanni really seeks that kind of performer out," he says. "They want people interested in stretching their performance muscles."

Details: The new ZinZanni production runs Wednesdays-Sundays through Feb. 18 in the tent theater at Pier 29 on the Embarcadero at Battery Street in San Francisco. Tickets, at $123-$147 depending on the day (with a top ticket price of $163 Nov. 25-Dec. 30), may be reserved at 415-438-2668 or www.zinzanni.org.

Reach Pat Craig at 925-945-4736 or pcraig@cctimes.com.



BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

Stewart's 'Daily' now unwatchable

POST-TURKEY DAY MEDIA ROUNDUP: Now that both Channels 5 and 7 have been caught using fake news — corporate video news releases — one wonders: Maybe they're just emulating the successes of fake-news kings Jon Stewart and Steven Colbert.

KGO-TV News Director Kevin "Don't Mention I'm Related to Captain Kangaroo" Keeshan said those involved have been disciplined. Hey, stuff happens, right? This calls to mind an old newsroom truism: "Patronize our advertisers — and they'll be sure to do the same to you."

Two-thirds of Stewart's "Daily Show," by the way, has become unwatchable since Colbert left to start his own show. The smarmy Rob Corddry is also gone, as is Ed Helms, which helped. But they've been replaced by a bunch of talent-impaired, potty-mouthed "correspondents." The longest-tenured, Samantha Bee, is unfailingly unfunny.

Readers, do you also find "Daily" now mostly unwatchable? Stewart's a talented guy, and his first five minutes — and the occasional guest segment — are still solid. But night after night, the clever, well-written "Colbert Report" runs rings around "Daily."

One recent guest of Colbert's, radio talk host Ronald Reagan Jr., told his listeners the other day, "Colbert tells you in the green room beforehand that he's gonna be a jerk." Most guests don't know how to act with a fictional character" (e.g. Colbert). But Reagan did a pretty good job.

Longtime KGO/KSFO talk host Jim Eason is furious at Fox. I kidded Eason that he's jumped on the anti-Rupert Murdoch bandwagon about 15 years late. So what's put the bee in Eason's bonnet? Fox airing the dubious interview with what Eason calls "that murderous bastard O.J. Simpson."

In an angry note to Fox, Eason added, "He should have been executed years ago." Just when you think the bar couldn't be set any lower ... Fox is, after all, the same network that gave Paris Hilton and Pauley Shore their own shows.

TWO KRON ALUMNI ON NETWORK TV: Former Channel 4 weekend anchor Mike Cerre, an Iraq-invasion imbed for ABC-TV, was included on an "ABC World News Tonight" piece the other night about U.S. Marines. And would someone please tell me why CNN ever hired ex-KRON reporter Soledad O'Brien as its morning co-anchor? Besides having a memorable name and a crooked smile, that is. O'Brien was a mediocre reporter at KRON, and she hasn't improved a bit. ... Speaking of mediocre anchors, this from Alameda reader Chuck Reid about Katie "Nielsen Anchor" Couric: "If Katie would trowel on a little less makeup, her slumping ratings might improve. She looks downright weird now." Kinda like Pete Wilson's hair. ...

Now that the elections are over and (thank God) the political ads are gone, the networks have deemed it the start of the 2008 presidential race. One story that's gone almost unreported (especially on TV): Why do our elected officials spend so much time fundraising? Answer: So they can enrich the broadcasters. I'll say it again: TV and radio time should be given away to legitimate political candidates as a condition of getting a broadcast license. Having what NPR regular/humorist P.J. O'Rourke memorably calls "A Parliament of Whores" so that broadcasters can enrich themselves is a national disgrace.

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Family entertainment grows u

Opera, ballet, jazz, theater venues tailor regular programs to appeal to younger tastes

By Jackie Burrell
STAFF WRITER

IT WASN'T so long ago that family fare was limited to Disney matinees and concerts that featured purple dinosaurs and treacly lyrics.

These days, families giggle their way through a comic opera crafted just for them by Lemony Snicket and the San Francisco Symphony. Kids sit cross-legged in the loge at the War Memorial Opera House as Figaro serenades them from the stage. And teens spend their Friday evenings dining with a drama expert before sauntering into Berkeley Rep for a performance of whatever's showing on the mainstage.

Oh, you can still shell out large amounts of money to see large, clownish characters bopping in arenas and arcades, but a new breed of sophisticated family entertainment has turned the concept of "kiddie shows" upside down.

"Children's entertainment has grown up," says San Francisco Performances spokeswoman Karen Hershenson. "I think parents have raised the bar on what they will take their kids to see."

Most major Bay Area arts organizations have launched family series and workshops that take what's happening on the mainstage and transform it into a shorter, demystifying tour de force for kids and grownups alike.

Up close, onstage

The result? The fourth wall hasn't just evaporated: Some performers are inviting children onstage. Renowned mezzo-soprano Frederica von Stade asked kids to come up and sing with her. Young opera lovers sat at the feet of Papageno, the irresistible feathered birdcatcher in Mozart's "The Magic Flute." And children shared a piano bench with jazz great Ellis Marsalis during an S.F. Jazz Festival family matinee.

"The idea was very simple," says Randall Kline, executive director of SFJAZZ, echoing a refrain. "This is good music to be shared with younger audiences. What was the best way to present it? We basically give them what an adult audience would get, but in a way that wouldn't challenge kids' attention spans."

The evolution from straight matinee, albeit with lower ticket prices, to interactive educational experience is thanks in part to those old school outreach efforts, says San Francisco Ballet education director Charles Chip McNeal.

Arts organizations that traditionally gave teachers curriculum guides, background tips and even docent visits — the Opera Guild's Opera a la Carte, for example, sends three professional singers, a pianist and boxes of props to each of the 134 schools it visits each year — suddenly discovered that it wasn't just teachers who wanted help. Families did, too.

"What we found through our surveys was parents didn't feel comfortable," says McNeal. "They didn't feel like they had the tools to help their children enjoy the performance. The insights we gave to schools, we give parents and guardians the same tools to help them enjoy the experience as well."

It was a breakthrough moment: "Instead of going to the theater, lights go out, you see two hours, you go away, someone greets you and tells you what you are about to see, (says), 'Here's how you can understand ballet better.' We have guests or company members who will explain something; the music, steps, design — something you would never know otherwise."

The charming introductory comments that routinely open family matinees now have translated into richer and more comfortable concert-going experiences. And that, in turn, translates into ticket sales and expanded series.

The symphony's meticulously groomed Music for Families concerts, for example, routinely sell out. The ballet's family workshops fill to capacity. And while Yoshi's jazz club is not currently offering its Sunday matinee shows, San Francisco Jazz Festival's family matinees have done brisk business.

Kids don't just tackle the vibes with jazz great Bobby Hutcherson at those shows, or learn Latin jazz riffs from percussionist John Santos, as they did last weekend. They get a chance to ask questions, too — about music, childhood and everything else. One young fan asked jazz guitarist Jim Hall if he sings in the shower. (He does.)

"Charming," says Kline. "Perfect in the sense that the kid is comfortable, the performer is comfortable. It bre... way 'going to a perfor... seem imposing and ... are supposed to be fun."

Some artists are ... fortable in that setting ... ers, says Christine Lim ... tion director for San F... Performances, whose f... ries is an eclectic mix ... temporary dance, multi... music and, this year, fol... Dan Zanes, whose Carn... children's concert debut ... in less than 24 hours.

"One of the things ... make sure to communica... artist when they're sittin... family matinee is they ... condescend to the childre... Lim. "They're just as sop... cated, if not more somet... idea — and our slogan ... ten and Learn Together."

Clowning around

The family program ... been educational and ... But they've been more ...

Berkeley Rep consi... free family workshops ... way to the theater," say... Mulroney, who coordi... program. A recent clow... shop, led by Berkeley ... atre school teacher Nan... was inspired by the vau... mainstage production ... Wear Bowlers."

So on a recent Sunday ... ing, kids and grownup... pranced around a Berke... classroom wearing foam ... noses, embracing their ... clowns — and each other ... Kim Vergez and her son ... a sixth-grader at the ... American School, how ... clowning around all morn... gling rainbow-hued unibr... acting out hilarious sketc... imitates his mother's fun... stroking shtick before offe... an affectionate high-five.

It's not just the art or ... sic, music, theater and ... siders say again and again ... the shared experience. An ... may be no better exampl... Berkeley Rep's family ser... — and its Teen Nights ... the first Friday of each ... tion. For $5, teens can ... have dinner, listen to a ... lecture, then attend the ... More than 600 teens ha... ticipated in the program ... last three years, and the ... that they'll be hooked.

"That's the master pla... theater school director ... Fink, with a laugh. But ... gram has reaped unexpe... idends. It was intended ... families closer to a great ... and, of course, a spendi... But it has also brought ... closer together.

"There are families ... parents have bought ... tions for that night," s... "The parents go to a ... teens go to Teen Night ... wave to each other ... theater) — and have s... in common they can ... afterwards. You know ... teenager wants to spe... day night with their pare... is a way that's meaning...

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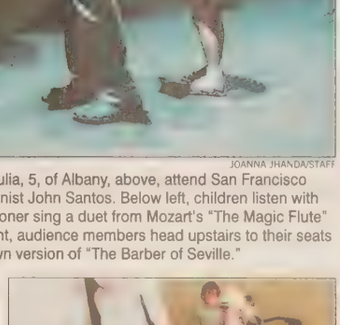


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KIDS WELCOME: Robert Bell and his daughter Julia, 5, of Albany, above, attend San Francisco Jazz Festival's family matinee, featuring percussionist John Santos. Below left, children listen with rapt attention as Lucas Meachem and Kimwana Doner sing a duet from Mozart's "The Magic Flute" during a San Francisco Opera matinee. Below right, audience members head upstairs to their seats for S.F. Opera's recent production of a scaled-down version of "The Barber of Seville."



SF OPERA



JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

The lounging is easy at new Lakeshore bar

I WENT TO ONE of those singles mixers recently. Gawd, it was so depressing. The most hodgepodge group of people I've ever seen. Nothing brought them, or us, I should say, together. Except loneliness, right? Wasn't enough for me. Once I met the guy who didn't know what hummus was and the other who kept lying about his age (38 or 52?), I knew it was time to bail. I needed someplace dark and dreamy. Julie needed a cigarette. So we bolted.

Having had such a blast at Radio, we decided to hit Easy Lounge, its cousin. Easy Lounge is the new and only watering hole on the main chunk of Lakeshore Avenue in Oakland. And what a hole: Open just four months, the bar reminded us of a Salvador Dali painting gone industrial. When we stepped in, we did the whole little-kid-head-thrown-back-throat-exposed-thing, taking in what the four owners had done with the space.

First, we noted two curvy copper ladders dangling from the ceiling.

How I wanted to climb one! The copper matched the bar, and was offset by psychedelic orange and pink hand-blown glass light fixtures.

The floors and the walls were black, or at least they looked black at night.



DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

THE EASY LOUNGE on Lakeshore Avenue in Oakland is the most recent venture by the owners of Radio and the Ruby Room.

NIGHT WRITER
Jessica Yadegaran

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Berkeley Rep direct tackles tent theater



PAT CRAIG
One Hand Clapping

THOSE UNFAMILIAR with both Tony Taccone and Teatro ZinZanni might be surprised to learn that the artistic director of Berkeley Repertory Theatre is directing the latest show at the Embarcadero circus/variety/vaudeville tent show.

On the other hand, those who know Taccone and his comedic sensibility wonder why it's taken so long for them to get together.

"How? Simple — they called me," he says. Taccone has directed two shows running in New York this year, has been influential in the career of Tony Kushner, and has directed at prestigious theaters all over the country. "I got an e-mail saying 'Would you be interested?' And since I've always loved circus, I was."

Taccone was a little skeptical at the dinner theater aspect of ZinZanni — upscale as it is, with Saturday dinner ... tickets going for $147 ... nically is a dinner the... as soon as he saw a p... in the big, glitzy tent ... convinced.

"I was really impres... what I saw," says Tac... whose first ZinZanni ... opened Nov. 16 in San ... cisco. "It was somethi... different, and I think ... one of the reasons w...

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he all-new Hyundai Elantra is an affordable, upscale, compact sedan

BY TOM KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

ars ago, my impression of the ial Elantra was simply it's an inex- ve car. Today, I consider the Elantra scale vehicle selling at an inexpen- rice.

prove the point, Hyundai is now d third in the Initial Quality Survey by wer and Associates, just behind the pensive Porsche and Lexus cars ead of a host of other vehicles.

not only is it a low-priced vehicle, compact sedan contains many features pensive cars don't offer — such as 00-mile powertrain warranty. The lat- ion model is all-new from headlight ght and has more interior space than ura TL, yet offers the ride comfort of ar car.

rfort and construction aren't the only where the new Elantra excels. It has us safety features, such as a total airbags, including roof-mounted side n airbags, ABS with electronic brake distribution, active front head re- s, adjustable head restraints for all positions, and Lower Anchors and for Children. Four-wheel disc brakes of rear drum brakes is another note- feature. Although some of this ment is expensive, they are not usu- and on many competitive vehicles.

GLS model with a five-speed man- ansmission has a base price of S, where the top-of-the-line Elantra M is priced at $17,755, including ng. The SE model goes for about less.

d an opportunity to drive all three s and preferred the SE model as it's nt-oriented. This car had a leather- ed steering wheel with audio controls. 6-liter four-cylinder engine that es 138 horsepower and 136 s foot of torque powers all three s. That's not an exceptionally pow- ine, but since the car only weighs 2,800 pounds, it has good accel- . Another benefit of the smaller en- 2.0 miles per gallon city and 36 ighway for both the manual and



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IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A good buy in a small sedan, put the Elantra, left, on your test-drive list. The Elantra's child seat latch system, above.

KEANE ON WHEELS

automatic transmissions.

The new Elantra is now in its fourth generation and has a very assertive front end with chrome headlight bezels, a rising beltline and an overall lively appearance. It's both wider and taller than its predecessor, thus there is more interior roominess. The dashboard slopes downward giving the feeling of more spaciousness. Leather trim helps give it an upscale appearance.

The center console features a two-level storage compartment. The seatbacks have storage pockets and I had no difficulty adjusting the driver's seat.

Visibility is excellent and it includes the convenient touches of a tilt steering wheel, rear window defroster, power heated mirrors, power door locks and remote keyless entry. It also has a rear center armrest with cupholders, numerous storage areas and a 60/40 split fold-down rear seatback. A power sunroof is available.

Also making it feel like an upscale sedan is a 172-watt AM/FM/CD audio system with six speakers. This sound system also allows the use of an iPod and other MP3 players.

The Elantra's ride quality is very comfortable and the car is responsive and agile. It only requires 34 feet to make a curb-to-curb turn, so it is easy to maneuver and park.

On bouncy, wiggly roads, the front MacPherson strut suspension with coil springs and the multi-link rear suspension and twin-tube gas shock absorbers made it a fun car to drive.

If you're looking for a good buy in a small sedan, put the Elantra on your test-drive list. Your only problem will be deciding which model to drive.

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Engines stall out for numerous reasons

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

Dear Doctor: I am a single mother and own a 1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass. The engine will stall out at times whether I drive it short or long distances. I have recently spent $1,500 in repairs, including fuel pump filter, major tune-up and cleaning of the fuel injectors. I went back to the repair shop and they said the car is old and I should consider a newer replacement. This is not what I wanted to hear after spending $1,500. — Jasmine.

Dear Jasmine: There are many reasons that cause an engine to stall out, anything from a mass air flow meter to a transmission lockup torque converter when coming to a stop. Crankshaft position sensors and computers also have been a problem with intermittent stalling. The technician will have to check for any trouble fault codes in the computer, then proceed to start pinpoint testing, as well as doing wiggle testing of connections. The technician should also contact Identifix for history reports on similar GM vehicles in the same family.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2000 Ford 4x4 automatic. The problem is that

AUTO DOCTOR

I cannot turn the steering wheel when the truck is stopped and my foot is on the brake. As soon I take my foot off the brake pedal, the steering is fine. I replaced the power steering pump and the steering still locks until I lift my foot off the brake pedal. — Jay

Dear Jay: This is actually a normal condition for this truck. The brakes and front end are so tight that the front wheels do not roll either forward or backward when the brake is applied. With both front wheels locked, the steering angle cannot change. As soon as you lift your foot off the brake pedal, the front wheels can move enough to allow the front wheels to move either way. I have heard of some technicians replacing complete front ends, including power steering pumps and boxes.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2001 Jeep Cherokee Sport 4.0-liter six-cylinder. There is a smell of gasoline when I start the engine. There are no signs of leaks anywhere. How can I find the source of the fumes? — Brock

Dear Brock: All light-duty vehicles from the year 1996 have an advanced diagnostic computer system that monitors engine performance, including evaporative emissions, leaking vent lines and leaking gas cap seals. Take the Jeep to a shop with a gas analyzer and a smoke machine to have them check for hydrocarbons. This is the only way to locate vapor leaks.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2003 Lincoln Town Car. The owner's manual recommends the oil and filter be changed at 3,000-mile intervals. The digital oil life monitor reads 75 percent life remaining at the 3,000-mile interval. The dealer said to wait until the monitor reads 65 percent. What are your thoughts? — Harold

Dear Harold: The oil interval change question is often asked. Oil is the lifeblood of the engine. It can never hurt to change the oil frequently. I recommend the oil and filter change at 3,000 miles or three months for the majority of vehicles. The exceptions are some imports that use synthetic oil and hold nine-plus quarts.

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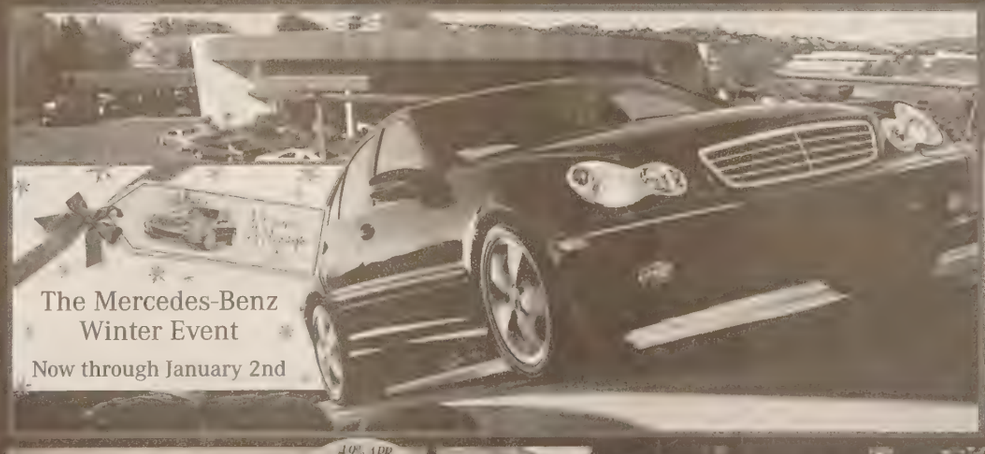
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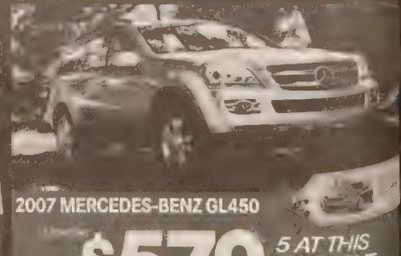
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grandmother, Dollie, drove it until 1969. "At the age of e, 'the Pontiac developed ering chain." He says his d grandmother wanted her ed. Her children, who her driving days were be- took the opportunity as an convince her the old car was not worth fixing. Love's father again took possession of the car and it sat on the back of his used-car lot for the next few years.

"In 1973," Love says, "my grandmother asked if I wanted the car. I said yes and moved the old Pontiac into a barn on my grandfather's farm to protect it from the weather."

By that time Love had moved to Winnabow, N.C., which gave him little opportunity to work on the car stored in Alabama. "Working on the car engine during visits to Alabama amounted to three or four days per year," Love remembers.

By 1989 the old Pontiac was cranked up and Love drove it onto a trailer for the trip to North Carolina. "By this time the paint and chrome were rusty and pitted and the interior was pretty well shot," Love says. Essentially, the car was moved from a barn in Alabama to a barn in North Carolina.

Once the car was parked in his own barn, Love continued working on mechanical tasks. Love finally began the restoration project in earnest in 2000. By 2001 the bulk of the restoration of the Pontiac was complete. In the previous dozen years, the 1952 Pontiac had been resprayed with new paint, the plentiful chrome trim had been replated, the engine had been overhauled and, Love says, "With the help of my wife, Helen, a refurbished interior was installed."

While the engine was being overhauled, Love had the three-speed manual transmission rebuilt at the same time. Of course, he made certain that the folks who rebuilt the transmission didn't remove the trademark low gear "whine" that identified manual transmission Pontiacs of that era.

Love says that his grandmother's Pontiac, like most cars in 1952, was not equipped with air conditioning. His grandmother's car, one of 251,564 such models manufactured during the 1952 model year, did come equipped with an exterior sunvisor, windshield washers, turn signal indicators, backup lights, underengine hood trouble light on a tether, an AM radio and a heater. "It's good for a car of that era," Love says.

The gasoline tank had been cleaned and resealed. After the car was repainted, Love says he was surprised all the trim pieces went back on really nicely.

Both bumpers and the grille were sent off for replating.

The eight side windows permit great visibility for the driver of the Chieftain Deluxe. Typical for cars of that era equipped with factory sunvisors, a prism was mounted atop the dashboard, which aided the driver in viewing overhead traffic signal lights.

The 120-inch wheelbase is supported by wide white sidewall 7.10x15-inch tires and a comfortable limousine-like ride is the result. Each wheel is trimmed with a full-size wheel cover. The rear wheels are partially obscured by the fender skirts. "It's a great car to ride in," Love reports.

"The old Pontiac comes out now for an occasional Sunday afternoon drive and to local car shows," Love says. All of Love's work, time and expense in returning the car to its original condition were worthwhile when an appreciative spectator at a recent car show told him, "Your grandmother would be proud."

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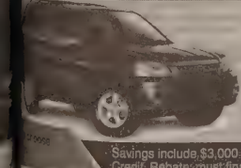
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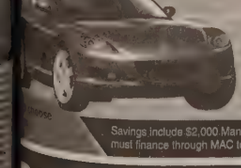
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Dear Doctor: I live in Virginia and own a 1988 Volvo four-cylinder automatic with 174,000 miles. Why does the engine have a noticeable amount of power increase when the outside temperature is 50 to 60 degrees vs. 80 to 90 degrees? When it is hot out, the engine is sluggish. — Lowell

Dear Lowell: Engines perform much better at the lower temperatures. Living in Virginia during the summer months, the humidity is also high. Gasoline atomizes much better when cool, as well as when the incoming air is cool. At 174,000 miles and nearly 20 years old, carbon build-up, dirty injectors, lazy carbon dioxide sensors, as well as possible restrictions in the exhaust, also play a part in performance.

Dear Doctor: I read your column every week and have a question about the purchase of a new inboard boat next spring. I have heard rumors about automotive catalytic converters being phased in. Have you heard anything about this? — Raymond

Dear Raymond: The rumors are true. Catalytic converters will be implemented on some 2007 inboard powered boats. The main hurdle is that catalytic converters need to be extremely hot to function. Check out some of the powerboat magazines.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Jeep Grand Cherokee. A message comes up on the display to service the four-wheel drive switch. I called two Jeep dealers and they both said I would have to bring the Jeep in for them to check the codes. I have a Haynes manual and there is no information on this problem. Where can I get help for this problem? — Tammy

Dear Tammy: A quick look on Alldata reveals many possibilities. However, without knowing what the trouble code is or the correct trouble flow chart, there is nothing any technician can do. We as technicians need information on the problem we are working on. You can subscribe to Alldata annually for about $25. This is a great value.

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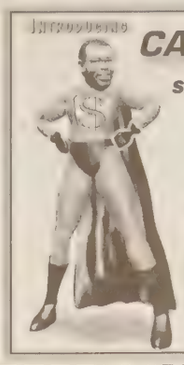
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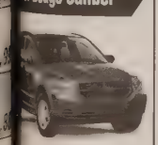
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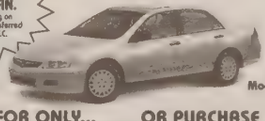
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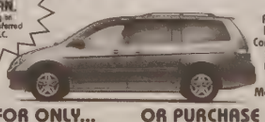
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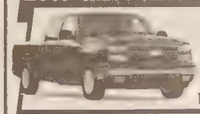
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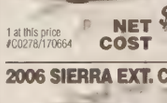
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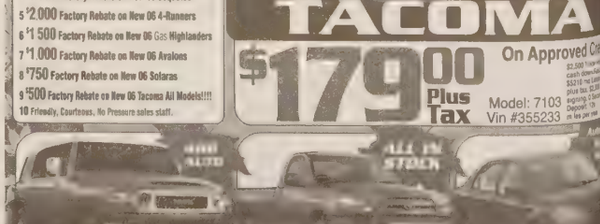
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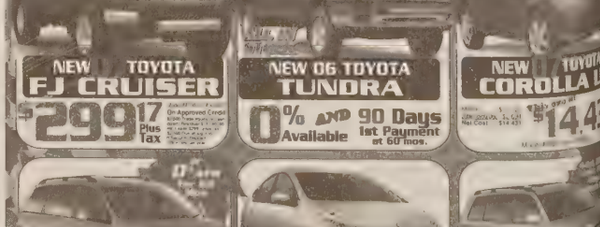
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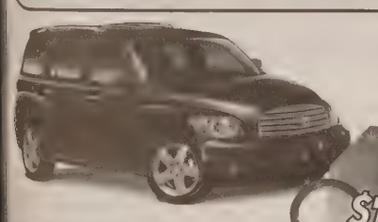


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Net Savings	$12,500

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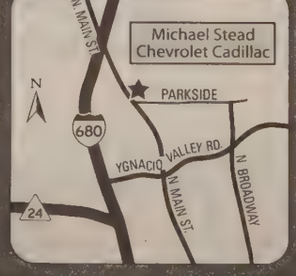
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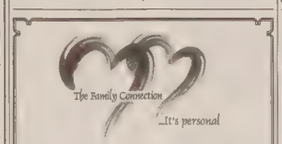
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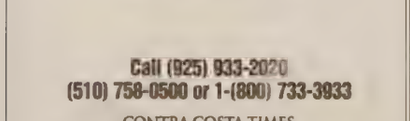
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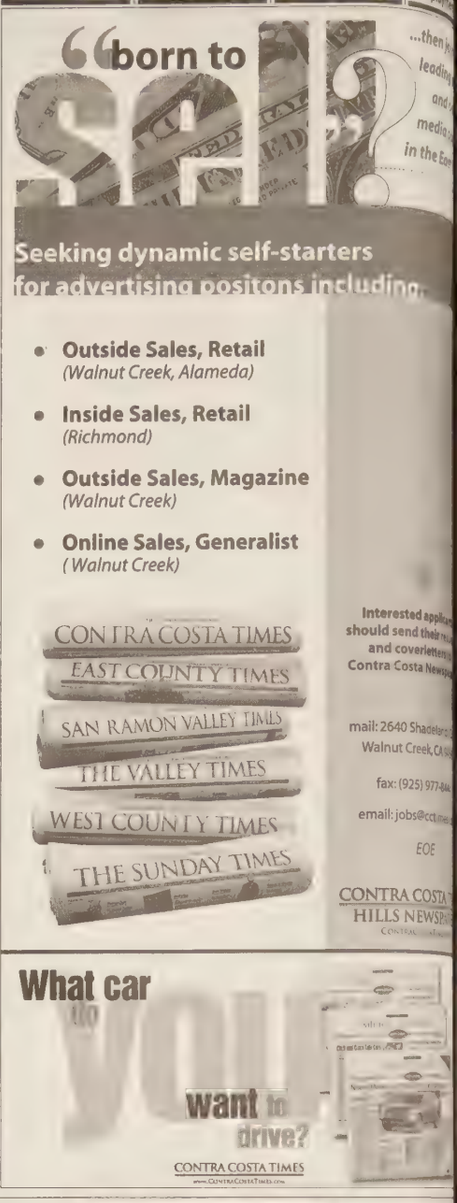
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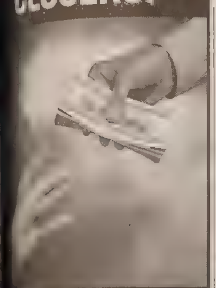
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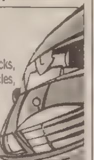
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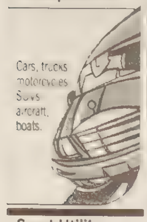
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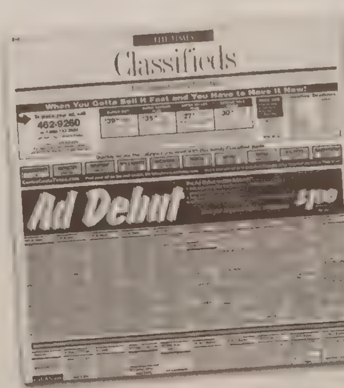
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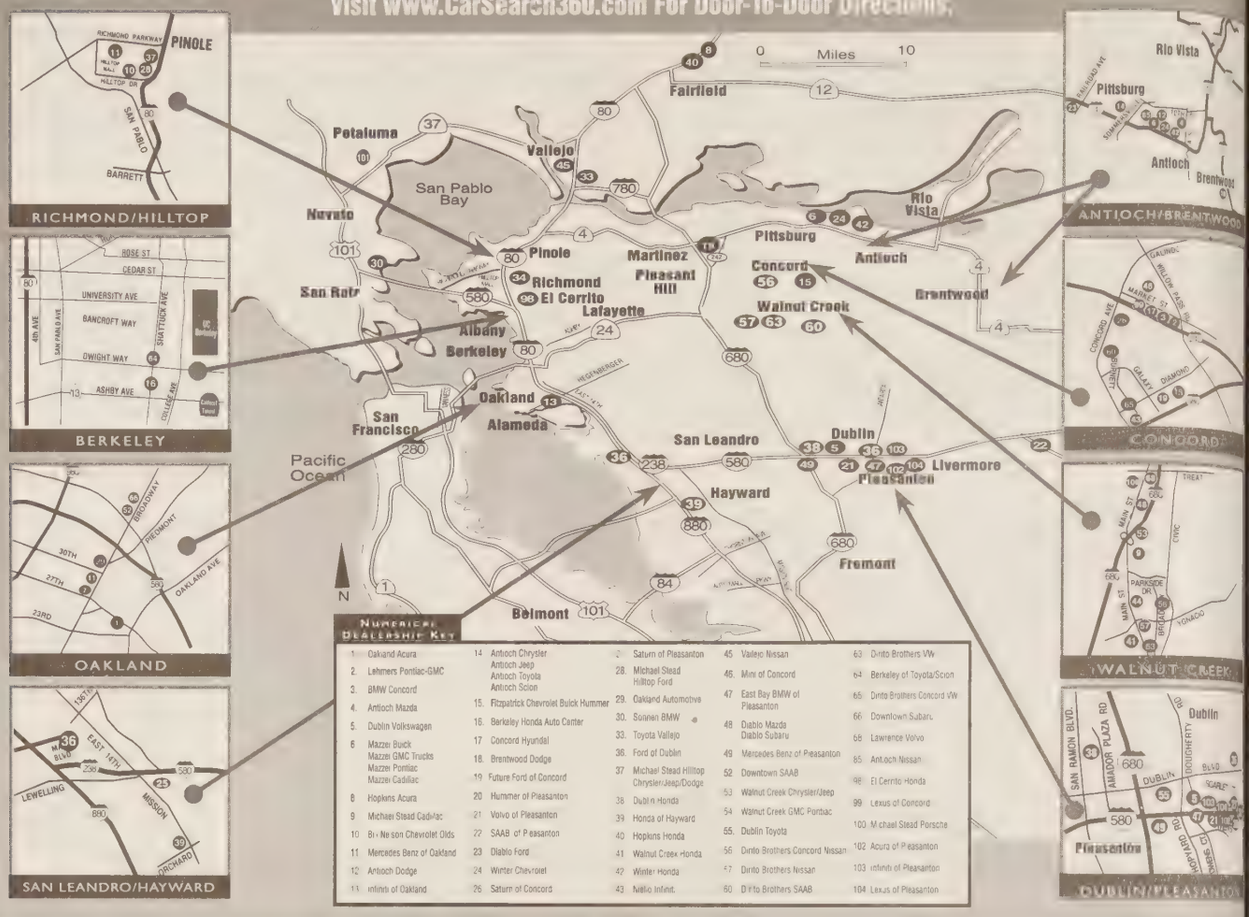
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UBLISHERS EDGE

e stores offer pre-made hol-ets but it's fun to create m and tailor them to the in-t of the recipients.

mories of Home Basket: If e a friend who is nostalgic ods from their hometown or ere they used to live, sur-m with a basket filled with s that remind them of their ace. For example, a New themed basket might in-de two types of hot sauce, milk, pinto beans, shrimp eignet mix and chicory cof-wrapped up in a red and ckered tablecloth.

vie Buff Basket: Fill a ed basket with a pop-, microwave popcorn, fla-, several types of movie d gift certificates for DVDs rentals at a local store.

ily Game Night Basket: fun games like Monop-ue and include a set of coa mix, apple cider mix ks like crackers, cheese

e Lovers Basket: Include of premium wines, a fancy , cheeses, crackers, a and a gift certificate to a r known for its wine list.

ore Spa Kit: Fill a wicker m fluffy bath towels, hand sponges, a bath pil-bubble bath, shower gel, massage oil and float-

h Time for Kids: Find a tote bag made of canvas and place a couple of e a rubber duck or float-it along with kiddy bub-hampoo, a towel set fea-oon characters and a ery-operated toothbrush.

s a Choice: Friends who -will appreciate a blank al where they can file e recipes. Include a re-ublished recipe book, kitchen towels and a te to a cooking supply or gourmet store.



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IT'S FUN TO CREATE your own holiday gift baskets and tailor them to the interests of the recipients.

■ **Outdoor Adventures:** Fill a large tote bag with a dual flashlight/radio, compass, disposable camera, granola bars, an inflatable chair or mattress and a water bottle. Include a guide to nearby hiking and bicycle trails. A similar kit for fishermen could include a tackle box, lures, etc.

■ **Techie Survival Box:** Include a stack of blank CDs, a compact flash memory drive, a blank book for recording passwords, and a gift certificate to a store that sells computer games and gadgets.

■ **Gardener's Bounty:** Fill a small red wagon or collapsible wheelbarrow with gardening tools, gloves, seed packets, a sprinkler head, gardening clogs, hat and sunscreen. Add a book of gardening tips or a gift certificate to a local nursery.

■ **Magazine Lover's Set:** Find an attractive magazine rack and fill it with a cozy throw, gift certificates for a couple of favorite magazines and a binder with pockets for storing articles they want to save.

■ **Book Lover's Bonanza:** Purchase a set of attractive bookends and place them in a large tote bag or basket. Add a set of handsomely embossed literature classics or a book signed by the recipient's favorite author. If you aren't sure which books to buy, include a gift certificate to a local bookstore, bookmarks or a book light for reading in bed.

■ **Gift of Romance:** Place an ice bucket and bottle of wine or champagne in an attractive basket. Include wine glasses, candlesticks, scented candles, chocolate covered strawberries, brie, crackers and a CD of love songs. Depending on your budget you can include a pretty nightgown and silk boxers or plush bathrobes. If the couple has kids, include a coupon for a free night of baby-sitting.

■ **Crafter's Survival Kit:** Fill a plastic storage container with craft organizer boxes, a glue gun and glue sticks, acrylic paints, assorted brushes, sponges, nails, a hammer, stencils, beads, buttons, stickers, dried flowers, and craft books related to their interest.

■ **Picnic Kit:** Purchase a deep basket with a lid and fill it with a festive tablecloth or large size thin blanket for spreading on the ground. Add plastic glasses and plates, utensils, napkins and an assortment of crackers, cheeses, wine and bottled water. Include a gift certificate to a local deli where the recipient can pick up sandwiches made to order.

■ **Children's Art Basket:** Fill a plastic storage tub or a big canvas bag with coloring books, construction paper, non-toxic markers, colored pencils, crayons, erasers, glue, stickers, watercolor paints, brushes, baby wipes and child size scissors. Include a child size smock or apron they can decorate with fabric paints, stencils and glitter.

■ **Basket of Love for Grandma:** Fill a basket with framed family portraits, cards created by the kids, family videos, a long distance phone calling card, a box of assorted greeting cards and stationery, a beautiful pen, stamps, plus an assortment of coffee, cocoa, and tea.

Black's the new green for Christmas trees

BY MICHAEL E. YOUNG
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

DALLAS — The British may trail their neighbors in fine cuisine, superb wines and clocklike efficiency. But when it comes to Christmas trees, the United Kingdom is peerless.

After all, their own beloved Queen Victoria elevated the humble evergreen to a holiday tradition.

Now look what the Brits have done. Last year, when the trendiest Americans were hanging their trees upside down, style-setters in Great Britain dumped dreams of a white Christmas and embraced the dark side - black trees with black trunks and black branches, like Scotch pines scorched in a wildfire.

"Black and white has been a strong interiors trend for a couple of years now," Susan Rose, editor of Britain's Ideal Home magazine, said last fall. "If you want to do an elegant, sophisticated Christmas, black is the way to do it."

Now edgy Americans chase that look, too. They began calling Christmas tree dealers as soon as they heard the news. This year, black joins our holiday palette.

"With the black Christmas tree, we made a bet based on what we saw in Europe last year and the number of people who called this year and said to put them on the list," said Bill Quinn of the Dallas-based online store www.ChristmasTreeForMe.com.

He ordered hundreds of the sleek, chic trees, "and they've been selling well."

Mostly, these are trees to complement decor, or to make a strong style statement, Mr. Quinn said.

"I don't know that people buy these for their main tree," he said. "Most of the people I've talked with are buying them for a party, or because they have a certain kind of ornament set that will look really good on the black."

Some, like one hostess he knows, want a tree so different that their guests will talk of little else.

Peggy Chappell of the Noel Christmas Store in Dallas has sold black trees for several years now, often to people looking for a Halloween decoration, but sometimes to families who wanted a second tree in a kitchen, where the appliances were similarly black.

"I don't know that this is going to be a trend here," she said. "What we've sold more of last year and this year are tinsel trees - made out of foil and wire — in lime green or pink, purple, blue or red.

"They're fun and trendy and not that expensive, and they make a nice secondary tree — like a pink one in a girl's room."

Chappell and Quinn praised the emergence of "authentic" artificial trees over the past few years and their increasing sophistication and realism.

"These are the hottest trend in conventional artificial trees, and they really are spectacular-looking," Chappell said.

"At our Christmas in July sale, we sold out just based on photos in a book. And now we're almost sold out again. It really is an incredible-looking tree."

The newest designs rely on exacting molds of real tree limbs and needles, Quinn said.

"Basically, people go out in the woods and find a real good specimen and they'll cut off a branch, pack it in dry ice and send it to China where someone will make a mold," he said. "That makes for a very realistic tree.

"Of course, realistic trees are much more expensive to make than 'bottle brush' trees."

So some manufacturers make hybrid trees that use realistic branch tips molded by polyethylene and more conventional inner branches to add fullness.

Quinn's personal favorite, though, is a design only beginning to be seen in the market: the "bubble tree."

"Basically, it's a spiral tree, which has been around forever. But instead of a metal center pole, they have a Plexiglas column you fill with water," Mr. Quinn said. "And at the bottom, there's a bubble-maker and a light source that shines up through the water in revolving colors.

"I think it's the coolest tree we've found this year."

Coolness, of course, carries a price.

The bubble tree comes in three sizes — 4, 6 ½ and 8 ½ feet — at prices ranging from $220 to $450, Quinn said.

A 7 ½-foot "realistic" tree at Noel costs $575, compared to about $500 for a good-quality regular artificial tree, Chappell said.

The black Christmas trees compare in price to conventional green trees. They're just a little harder to find.

Will one emerge this year as the tree with buzz? Perhaps.

But in the long run, Quinn banks on the old reliable.

"Your flocked trees, your blacks, your reds, they come and go," he said. "But the traditional never goes away.

"The symmetrical dark green tree with lights — those will be around forever."

Did you know?

Artificial Christmas trees originated in Germany in the late 1800s. Metal wire trees were covered with goose, turkey, ostrich or swan feathers. The feathers were often dyed green to imitate pine needles.

In the 1930s, the Addis Brush Co. created the first artificial-brush tree with the same machinery used to produce toilet brushes. The Addis "Silver Pine" tree was patented in 1950 and designed to have a revolving light source under it. Colored gels allowed the light to shine in different shades as it revolved under the tree.

In 2002, 21 percent of U.S. households had a real tree, 48 percent had an artificial tree and the remainder had no tree.

Sources: University of Illinois Extension; About.com.



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TREES FOR ALL TASTES: (From top) artificial metal tree, live pine tree, flocked live fir tree and an artificial fir in black.

ke your gifts more memorable with creative gift wrapping

Y AMY KENNEDY
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ittle creative planning you your holiday gift-wrap as the presents inside. In-pending a lot of money on paper and stick-on bows yone else will be buying, magination to make the memorable.

hrough bows and ribbon ed from previous years you can revive bent or torn utting off worn edges, glu-ter or attaching shredded eamers. The holiday cards m last year can be recycled ust remove the front of end cut out shapes you se, or glue the entire card package.

your local butcher about oll of butcher paper. The r that is used to wrap provide a perfect back-for your own artistic cre-se potatoes, pears, apples ojects as stencils by carv-es and dipping them into ural sponges from the craft toothbrushes and combs be used to create textured paint.

ersonalize your packages by ings that reflect the recipi-erests, such as a miniature attached to a present for Depending on the size you might also wrap it in towel or attractive apron. ng nephew will love a pink rimmed in netting and tiny ers. Or delight a fisher-package decorated with and a tiny fishing pole. s from nature like interest-sticks of cinnamon, leaves ery look terrific when ettia and paper grocery that have been turned in-

e your gifts more inter-for unusual containers. -supply and world import Chinese take-out cartons of sizes and colors. The be painted, decoupaged ed with stickers and draw-boxes work great when pretty holiday print fab-



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USE YOUR IMAGINATION and make your holiday gift-wrap as special as the presents inside.

ric, or use metal buckets or clay flowerpots for a unique look.

Instead of always sticking a traditional bow on a package, try attaching a cute ornament, seashells or fun toys like Pez dispensers. Plastic wrap, dry cleaning bags and netting can be cut into long strips and braided into tassels.

Use fabric remnants and cording to create gift bags in a variety of sizes. There isn't a lot of sewing skill involved but the bags make cute containers for jewelry, toys, perfume, hair accessories and a plethora of other surprises. Simply sew the edges of the fabric on three sides, then fold down and sew the fabric at the top, leaving an opening for a drawstring.

You can use newspapers, old calendars, maps and catalog pages to wrap boxes. Or try cutting out photos from magazines and creating a decoupage effect on colored or white paper.

Flea markets, antique stores and garage sales are great places to shop for unusual containers. A tall vase can hold a beautiful scarf, a cookie jar could hold a set of cookie cutters and cute potholders, or a hatbox could be the container for a beaded purse and gloves.

Match the trims you use to the recipient's interests or use them as a clue to what's inside the box. For example hair clips and barrettes could be used as decoration on a box that contains a hair dryer or curling iron.

Check your crafts area and sewing basket for buttons, bits of lace, and swatches of fabric that can be used as package trim. Buttons in a variety of shapes and sizes make cute decorations when attached to red or green felt that has been cut into holiday shapes like candy canes, snowmen and Christmas trees.

Look for odds and ends around the house that could be recycled as decorations. Pencils, pipe cleaners, Popsicle sticks, even paper clips can be used to decorate a package.

Start a collection of boxes that can be recycled for gifts. Oatmeal boxes, cereal boxes, coffee cans, and potato chip canisters can all be recovered and lined with tissue for use as gift packaging.

Get your family involved in saving items for creative gift-wrapping. Save pinecones you find in the mountains, seashells from the beach, and colorful stones available at import and garden stores. Think about other uses for worn-out clothes. An old pair of jeans can be transformed into a tote bag, or a pair of stretched out tights could be cut up and braided for package trim. Organize space for saving your gift-wrap treasures in a closet or hobby area, and the next time you have to wrap a present, you'll have a wealth of unique decorations to choose from.

Bring outdoor accessories inside this winter for year-round enjoyme

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The beautiful new urns on your deck or patio were a sight to behold this summer. Overflowing with brightly colored flowers, they brought you pleasure all season. But now that the colder weather is setting in do you need to unplant them and store them out of sight where no one can enjoy them?

"The answer is no," says Peter C. Cilio of Campania International Inc., manufacturers of fine garden accessories. "Bring your containers, birdbaths, statuary and fountains indoors to use as accent pieces during the holidays and winter months."

With more than 20 years in the garden business, the folks at Campania know it is possible to use garden accessories in hundreds of creative ways — with and without plants.

"Outdoor accessories can really make a statement when they're brought indoors," says Cilio. "Cast stone urns, especially with a weathered mossy patina make wonderful and atmospheric indoor decorations."

If you wish to plant outdoor urns or containers for indoor use, Cilio recommends inserting a plastic liner in the pot and slipping the plant in the liner, thus preventing leaks when watering. Sphagnum moss can be used to fill any gaps if the interior of the pot is still visible.

For lower maintenance, dried flowers, interesting branches or topiary shapes made of moss, grapevine, shells or even shiny Christmas balls can be arranged in the urns or containers and for added interest can be changed seasonally.

White lights can be added for a festive nighttime look. Even unplanted, a cast stone urn, especially if raised on a pedestal or placed on a table can be a dramatic sculptural focal point.

Statuary, finials or small fountains and birdbaths can also be enjoyed indoors during the colder months. Create a conservatory look in winter by bringing a garden statue or small fountain indoors and nestling it among potted plants in a corner of a room. A fountain used indoors will provide much needed humidity during the winter and the sound will be a delightful reminder of summer.

Here are few more tips for using outdoor accessories indoors:

- Small birdbaths can also be used in many creative ways. Filled with seasonal fruit or colorful (peppers) or sculptural (artichokes) vegetables, they become unusual, edible, not to mention economical, centerpieces. Remember to use felt coasters on the bottom to protect your table. Fill a small birdbath with water to float flowers or candles for an exotic and enchanting table decoration.
- Keep an interesting large urn or planter by your door to catch umbrellas or gloves, mittens, hats or other winter belongings tossed by your kids as they race into the house.
- Fill a container or small birdbath with unusual gourds and small pumpkins. Weathered terra cotta, cast stone or rusted iron are natural complements to autumn decorating.
- An elegant planter box can be used by your fireplace as a place to store kindling.
- Create your own indoor water garden by adding plants such as spider lilies, taro or water lettuce to a glazed or lightweight container.
- Place a small urn or birdbath in your bathroom to hold soap or towels.

"With a little creativity," Cilio says, "your planters and garden accent pieces can be versatile and elegant enough to bring indoors for four seasons of enjoyment."

To learn more about outdoor planters and ideas for bringing them indoors, visit your local garden center or go to www.campaniainternational.com to view their entire catalog online.

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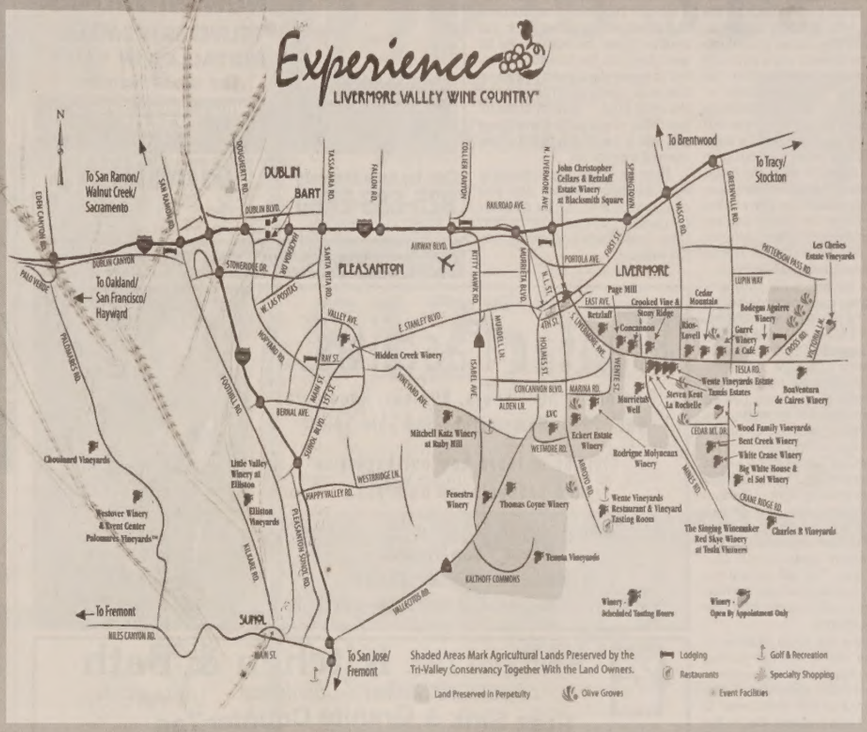
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THE VALLEY TIMES

Pansies, mushrooms and tomatoes — oh my!



BUZZ BERTOLERO
The Dirt Gardener

Q Sometime ago you wrote about a Pansy problem where they should die when planted in the same location year after year. I now have what problem. Is there anything that could be added to the soil to eliminate that problem that is causing this? Pansies are subject to a soil borne fungus called Pythium whatever.

A Pansies The fungi that are re- or Pythium also known Root Rot. or water mold fungus sponsible in practically all culti- as black r It attacks the roots of are presen harigolds and some vated soil amentals and turf un- pansies conditions. Pythium at- woody venile tissues such as the der p. After gaining entrance, tac fungus may cause a rapid rot- ro of the primary roots and may t n move up into the stem tis- ue. Under wet conditions — brought about by poor drainage or excessive irrigation — more and more roots are killed and the plant may wiltstop growingor collapse and die. It attacks plants in a random fashion. If detected early, water management can correct the problem and the plants can recover as the soil dries. Unfortunately, it's generally too late in most home garden situations.

In the fall before the rainy season begins, water management is critical. I'd feel the soil before irrigating. If it feels moist skip the watering. Depending on the temperatures and exposure, watering frequency will vary from yard to yard. While all container-potting soils drain well, that is not the case for our typical garden soil. The addition of soil amendments and/or Schultz's Clay Conditioner is a must when planting. You can treat existing plants showing signs of Pythium with Monterey Lawn and Garden Aliette or Ag Foss. It's best used as a soil drench applied at the rate of one-eighth teaspoon per four square feet. This will control the problem but not eradicate it. When the right conditions develop, the problem returns.

Q I have two small children — one with a habit of putting things in his mouth. I was careful not to plant any poisonous plants in our yard so this didn't used to be much of a problem. But, in the last few weeks, we've had tons of mushrooms popping up in our lawn. This has never been a problem before. I'm scared to let them play out back without me following my youngest close behind to be sure he doesn't eat one. Is there anything I can put on the lawn to prevent the mushrooms?

A Mushrooms are fungus that thrives in damp, heavy soils. There are no effective chemical treatments to eradicate mushrooms. Drying the area out in between watering is effective during the non-rainy season. The good news is that turf mushrooms are generally not a critical health issue with two- and four- legged mammals. I'm not aware of any situation where turf mushrooms caused a serious illness or fatality. The mushroom stories that make the evening news are from those picked in the wild. However, I'd use general caution and knock them down.

Q Should I pull out my tomato plants now? The foliage looks terrible but they have lots of large green tomatoes that don't seem to be turning red.

A I wouldn't give up on the tomato plants just yet. Although the leaves look bad, the tomatoes should continue ripening into December or until the first very, very cold night. When frost is eminent, I'd remove the largest tomatoes and ripen them off the vine in a simple ripening chamber. All you'll need is any type of box with a lid, and newspapers. The green tomatoes are placed in the box but first line the bottom with a two-inch thick layer of newspapers. The tomatoes should not touch one another. Cover the box with the lid and check on the tomatoes every five to seven days, removing those that have turned red. Tomatoes — like other fruits — give off a natural gas called ethylene. It's the ethylene gas that is trapped in the box that ripens the tomatoes.

Buzz Bertolero Web address is www.dirtgardener.com and you can send questions by email at dirtgarden@aol.com or to 360 Civic Drive, Suite D, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

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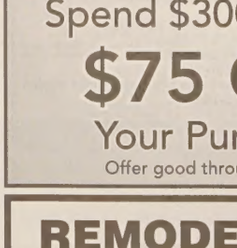
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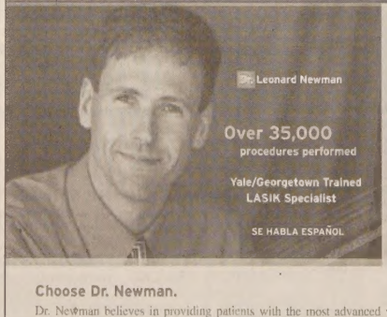
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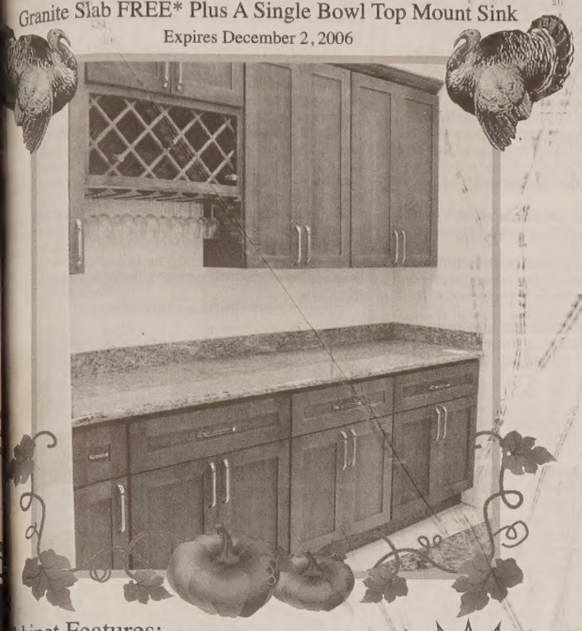
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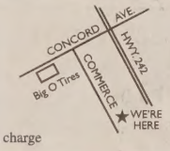
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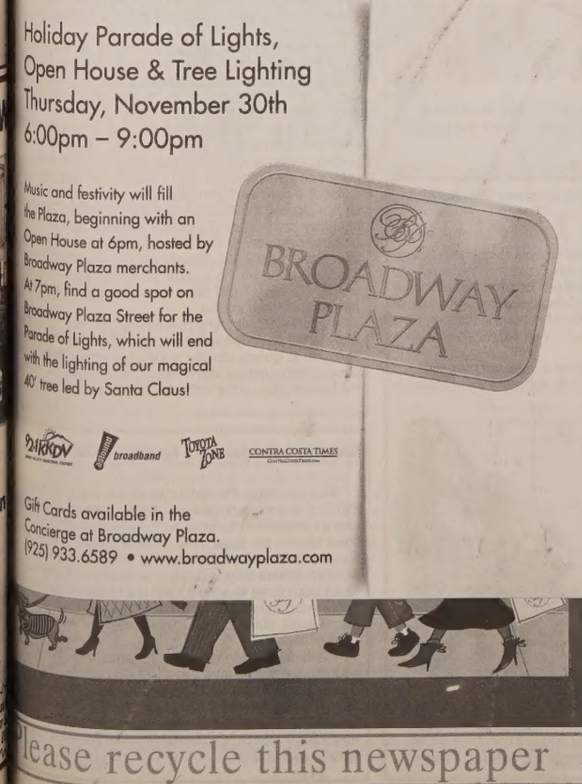
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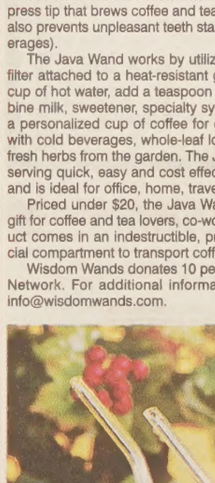
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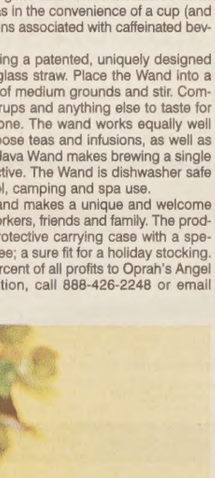
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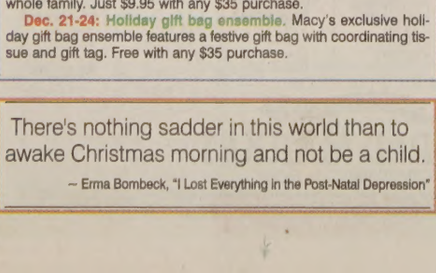
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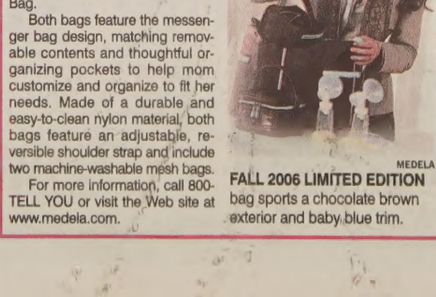
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Golfers are putting for fun — and for lower scores — with Tour Links portable, modular putting green. Utilizing a patented modular system, a Tour Links green can be assembled and ready to use in as little as 15 minutes. The modular system allows for endless design versatility; individual greens can be made smaller or larger according to need.

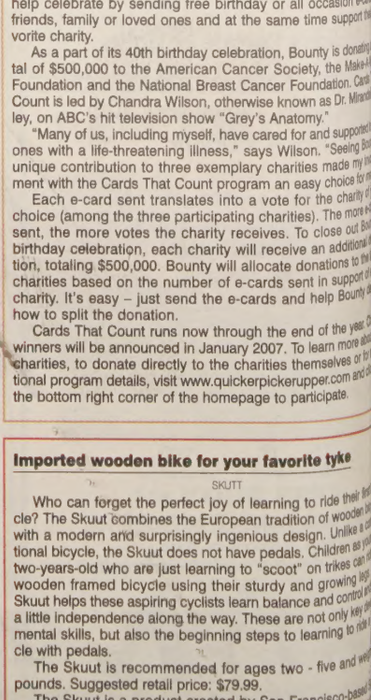
The patented design of the panels allows the green to mimic contours in the supporting terrain. Dips, rises and slants become part of the green, just like a natural green. When the Tour Links green is moved to a new location with different support surface contours, the green contours also change.

Tour Links uses an indoor/outdoor, polypropylene, non-fluff putting surface on the Standard Links Collection. The surface replicates as closely as possible a natural green, allowing for true ball movement and country club speed. The turf is pre-cut to fit individual green design.

For those with special preferences, Tour Links greens can be designed to create virtually any shape and installed in practically any environment accepting a variety of simulated putting or chipping surfaces, filled or non-filled. And Tour Links patented technology has been applied to a series of fun-sized miniature golf styles greens called Mini Links.

For more information visit www.tourlinks.net.




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Grey's Anatomy star encourages the spirit of giving through Cards That Count

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In the spirit of giving gifts to others, Bounty Paper Towels is giving back to three deserving charities through Cards That Count, an online e-greetings program that offers people an easy way to give back. By logging on to www.quickerpickerupper.com, everyone can help celebrate by sending free birthday or all occasion e-cards to friends, family or loved ones and at the same time support their favorite charity.

As a part of its 40th birthday celebration, Bounty is donating a total of $500,000 to the American Cancer Society, the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Cards That Count is led by Chandra Wilson, otherwise known as Dr. Miranda Bailey, on ABC's hit television show "Grey's Anatomy."

"Many of us, including myself, have cared for and supported ones with a life-threatening illness," says Wilson. "Seeing Bounty's unique contribution to three exemplary charities made my involvement with the Cards That Count program an easy choice for me."

Each e-card sent translates into a vote for the charity of choice (among the three participating charities). The more e-cards sent, the more votes the charity receives. To close out Bounty's birthday celebration, each charity will receive an additional donation, totaling $500,000. Bounty will allocate donations to the charities based on the number of e-cards sent in support of each charity. It's easy – just send the e-cards and help Bounty decide how to split the donation.

Cards That Count runs now through the end of the year. The winners will be announced in January 2007. To learn more about the charities, to donate directly to the charities themselves or for additional program details, visit www.quickerpickerupper.com and click on the bottom right corner of the homepage to participate.

Imported wooden bike for your favorite tyke

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Who can forget the perfect joy of learning to ride their first bicycle? The Skuut combines the European tradition of wooden bikes with a modern and surprisingly ingenious design. Unlike a traditional bicycle, the Skuut does not have pedals. Children as young as two-years-old who are just learning to "scoot" on trikes can ride a wooden framed bicycle using their sturdy and growing legs. The Skuut helps these aspiring cyclists learn balance and control while a little independence along the way. These are not only key developmental skills, but also the beginning steps to learning to ride a bicycle with pedals.

The Skuut is recommended for ages two - five and weighs 50 pounds. Suggested retail price: $79.99.

The Skuut is a product created by San Francisco-based Skuut Inc. The company was founded in 2006 by the husband and wife team of Peter and Gillian Emblad to import durable, European educational toys at an affordable price. For more information, visit www.skuut.com.